

Council in talks on enforcement notices for developers

CRACKDOWN ON PLANNING REBELS

BY JORDAN HARRIS

MORE than 20 planning breaches, some going back more than 10 years, are being dealt with by Walsall Council.

The authority's planning committee will meet today to discuss 23 enforcement action notices that have been sent out to developers accused of flouting local planning rules.

The notices, issued by the council, cover three disused buildings labelled 'unsightly' and a residential property that was turned into a car repairs workshop.

Councillor Mohammed Nazir, chair of the committee, said he will be seeking assurance from officers that each is being looked into properly. He said: "What we have said as a council is that we will look to take enforcement action whenever it is needed to make sure we stay on top of rogue operations at properties."

"The downside of developments that don't comply with regulations is that it sets a precedent and often the public are left with buildings that are out of place or out of character."

Assurances

"I will be looking to get assurances from our officers that with the developments where we can take enforcement action that we do so or work hard to come to an agreeable conclusion."

The longest running planning saga to be discussed involves the owners of Capital Leisure on Newport Street, near the town centre, first subject to enforcement action back in 2004.

The council's complaints relate to owners installing second floor windows and painting the outside of the listed building. A report into the site claims an invalid planning application has been submitted in an attempt to address the breaches while discussions continue.

'Unsightly' empty properties on Lower Lichfield Street in Willenhall are still a concern for planning bosses, despite being given assurance that work would be done to improve their image back in 2013.

A report into the current situation at the properties reads: "These are unsightly void properties. A letter was received in July 2013 which set out intention to paint, replace glass and repair the roof within a month. No works were carried out."

Owners of the properties have been hit with a section 215 notice by the authority.

Enforcement action has also been issued in relation to a home on Halford Crescent turned into a car repairs workshop in 2014. Despite owners originally complying with council requirements to stop using the site for this purpose, it appears that the problem may be back.

DANCE DISPLAY – BY ROYAL APPOINTMENT



Heading to London to dance on The Mall – pupils from Walsall Academy of Dance, including, front, Amber Lole-Millard, 14

TOP young dancers will strut their stuff in front of the Queen at a massive party and parade for her 90th birthday in London on Sunday.

Nine performers from the Walsall Academy of Dance and their teacher Christa Collard will dance along The Mall with hundreds of others from around the country as part of the official celebrations at the Patron's Lunch.

Miss Collard, the performers and their parents knew they would be taking part in the event weeks ago after being informed they had been picked by organisers. But they were

unable to tell people about their role until last week. She said: "It's a once in a lifetime opportunity for most of us. I don't imagine many of us will be dancing in front of the Queen again."

There will be 10,000 lunch guests for the Patron's Lunch, organisers say, in what is the first event of its kind on The Mall.

Invited guests will tuck into a hamper at tables along the full length of The Mall, which starts in front of Buckingham Palace, taking part in a vast British street party.

Miss Collard added of the performers,

whose ages range from 11 to 14: "I tried to pick ones who would be able to handle the pressure of it. Because it is part of the parade, we have got to keep in time."

Even now she has to remain tight-lipped about their dance – but said they will be given a costume on Sunday morning, shortly before they take part in the bonanza.

Royals will include the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh, The Duke of Cambridge and Prince Harry. It will celebrate the dedication she has shown to charities and other voluntary organisations in her 63-year long reign.

CONCERNS

Action threat over run-down centre

THE owners of a run-down shopping centre in Walsall could face action if they don't take steps to secure the site amid anti-social behaviour concerns.

Walsall Council is looking to serve a notice to the owners of the Ravenscourt Shopping Centre ordering they tidy up the site and 'act as a catalyst for development'.

The site was at the centre of a failed multi-million pound supermarket revamp in 2014 and community leaders say there have been no concrete plans put forward since.

Over that time, the site has deteriorated and is currently a hot-spot for anti-social behaviour.

Council bosses will discuss the future of the site at a planning meeting today.

STATISTICS

Population to rise by nearly 40,000

THE population of Walsall is due to increase by nearly 40,000 over the next two decades, new figures have revealed. The current population of the borough is around 277,000 according to the Office for National Statistics, but this is due to rise to 313,000 in 2039.

The rise is an increase of around 13 per cent. David Winnick, the Labour MP for Walsall North, described the increase as 'pretty inevitable' but warned that the extra need for schools and homes 'must be taken into account'.

AUTHORITY

Councillors backing Metro Mayor plans

WALSALL councillors voted in favour of plans to bring in a Metro Mayor for the impending West Midlands Combined Authority. A vote was taken during a council meeting last Thursday, with 42 voting in favour and nine against the idea.

The West Midlands Metro Mayor will have responsibility over transport, health, and oversee a population of more than four million people. Councillor Ian Shires said: "If you are in the Mayoral West Midlands Combined Authority then you have influence over our future."

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Rush hour road ragers swap punches



The incident caught on camera

TWO raging drivers were caught on camera as they traded punches in the middle of the rush hour M5 traffic.

As the traffic queue slowed down, a Volkswagen people carrier is seen to pull in front of a flatbed truck.

Forced to brake, the driver in the truck jumps out of his vehicle and goes over to the car in front. Dressed in a hi-vis orange garb, he seems to be greeted by the Volkswagen driver who he swiftly pushes in the chest.

Instantly a flurry of fists is thrown from both men in between the stationary vehicles and quickly the truck driver

is caught by a right hander. The pair faced off in the middle of the motorway.

After falling to the ground in front of another stopped car, he quickly gets back up while the Volkswagen driver checks on his passengers. Having spotted the traffic starting to move, both men get in their vehicles and start moving again, with the truck keeping its distance.

It happened near Junction 4A for the Bromsgrove on May 25 around 5pm.

Joe Mather caught the motorway maul on his dashcam as he was sat waiting for the cars to move.

Joe said: "I sat there in disbelief. The Volkswagen had been swapping lanes repeatedly. The truck driver takes a fall. Not long before this he pulled in front of my car in the same manner. I couldn't hear their argument, I just kept my windows up and wasn't getting involved."

"The bloke in the VW must have annoyed a number of other drivers doing the same and to the end of the video you see him cutting lanes again."

"It appeared like he had a young girl of around five or six-years-old in the back seat. There was at least one other passenger in the front seat too."

Patient died 12 hours after hospital scan

A MAN died 12 hours after medicals at Walsall Manor Hospital did not act quickly enough upon the abnormal results of his CT scan.

He was admitted to the hospital suffering with shortness of breath and had recently lost two stone. Tests were carried out, but the results of a CT scan were not immediately acted upon.

Twelve hours after the scan, the man went into cardiac arrest and died. The death was recorded as part of a serious incident report submitted for the board meeting of the Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust.

The report also revealed that two patients had a delay in their diagnosis of cancer following CT scans.

Speaking at the meeting of the trust, last Thursday, director of nursing, Rachel Overfield said: "We as a trust have discussed these incidents in private and now have brought them here in order to be more transparent. We had just shy of 1,000 incidents in April but these were of either no harm or minor harm."

Maternity

"This is what experts would expect to see in a trust of this size. The main key trends in the data is poor documentation issues and particularly an increase in falls. There has also been an issue with equipment in maternity and delays in acting on abnormal scan results. We also had cases of pressure ulcers, though some of these were out in the community, and a case of norovirus in April."

Amir Khan, Medical Director for Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust, said: "We would once again like to offer our condolences to the family on their loss. The trust carried out a full investigation which concluded that some elements of this gentleman's care required improvement."

"An action plan was developed as a result and this is something that our staff across all levels of the organisation have learned from. The incident was also referred to the coroner's office which gave the cause of death as natural causes and did not require an inquest to be held. Throughout the investigation I have maintained close contact with the family and am happy to meet with them again if they have any concerns."

Shop pair read up on making a move



Scott Southey, who is co-owner of Walsall's only independent book shop Southcart Books

THE owners of the Black Country's only independent bookshop are raising funds to find a new home after their shop was put up for sale by landlords.

Following two years of success for Scott Southey and Amy Carter at Southcart Books on Lower Hall Lane, the pair are now asking book lovers in the borough to enable them to continue.

A target of £4,000 has been set to cover moving costs, a new shop frontage, bookcases, decorating and a deposit for the new, larger space on the same street. A loyal customer base has built up at Southcart over the last two years, with

some book lovers travelling from across the UK to visit the shop.

So far, £1,500 has been raised to help the pair, who started the shop together after being long-term unemployed.

Scott said: "We have been successfully trading for two years and love our little shop that we have created. We have always been very grateful to our landlords for all their help and support but we need to face facts that we don't know what is going to happen in the near future."

"We also love all our shop friends that we have made including an army of amazing authors who at-

tend our monthly bookshop parties and have become our extended family over this time."

"People love to come and see us, we are the only independent book shop for miles around."

Aside from selling books, the shop also hosts free community events including talks from authors, a thriving book club and creative writing classes. With more than 1,000 sq ft of shop floor, the proposed new site will almost double capacity for Scott and Amy.

The money will have to be raised by July 4 if the move is to go ahead. To donate, visit www.crowdfunder.co.uk/the-southcart-big-move.

Pledge over nurses after 150 vacancies are revealed

THERE are 150 registered nurse vacancies at Walsall Manor Hospital, with hospital chiefs now looking to recruit more staff from abroad. The vacancies have risen from around 90 in April to 150 in June this year, despite a recruitment drive which saw nurses from Italy start work last year.

Now the Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust is considering whether to recruit from both EU and non-EU countries including the Philippines. The cost to get each new recruit into the country and ready to start work is estimated at £3,000 per head.

However, concerns have been raised by staff working on the wards as to the language competence of the existing Italian nurses, and whether the new recruits from overseas are able to fully understand patients.

Speaking in the public gallery during the meeting, Jane Wilson, staff side lead at the hospital said: "Have we really learned lessons from last year, where we seemed to have a recruitment drive and then a sudden vacancy freeze?"

"Not only that but I have a lot of nurses come to me saying that working with some of the Italian nurses is a challenge sometimes because some of them struggle to understand what is being asked of them, or of what patients are saying to them. How can we make sure their language skills, if English isn't their main language, is up to scratch?"

Director of nursing, Rachel Overfield said: "I'm surprised to hear that as anyone we take on board from an EU country have to sit a difficult English language test – the equivalent of an A-level in English. I'll look into this to find out how we can prevent this happening again."

Richard Kirby trust chief executive, said: "The short answer to your question Jane is that yes we have learned lessons from last year and we want to fill not just the vacancies we do have but work to retain the existing staff."

Chiefs suspend buildings action

ENFORCEMENT action which would have seen dozens of residents evicted from two unauthorised houses of multiple occupation has been suspended.

At the start of April, Walsall Council gave businessman Jim Haliburton two months to return former warehouses at Butts Road and Wolverhampton Street back to their original state after they had been adapted for housing providing accommodation for 22 people.

But the authority has now confirmed it has put that action on hold after the entrepreneur, who runs J9 Accommodation in Darlaston, has submitted planning applications which would grant legitimacy to the properties.

A planning report for councillors today states: "A planning application has been received and further details are required. Enforcement action is currently on hold pending the outcome of the current live planning application."

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Visitor died after a fall on escalator at hospital

A VISITOR to Walsall's Manor Hospital died after falling down an escalator.

A report into the hospital's health and safety performance for the first quarter of 2016 revealed that the woman, who died on January 4, had gone to the hospital to visit her partner on January 3.

After falling on the escalators she sustained a head injury and was taken to A & E.

However, her condition deteriorated to the point where she began losing consciousness and vomiting.

She was then taken to a palliative care unit before passing away.

Bosses at the hospital discussed the incident among other health and safety issues during a board meeting last week.

Mark Sinclair, lead director for estates and facilities with Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust, said: "We would like to extend our sympathy to the family of the woman involved in this tragic accident. Our thoughts are with them at this difficult time."

"As part of the serious incident investigation the trust carried out we studied CCTV footage that captured the incident and notified the Health and Safety Executive which has also reviewed the footage. Our investigation concluded that this was unfortunately a tragic accident."

"Nothing like this has happened in all the years that the escalators have been in use but, as an additional precaution, we have also made the signage clearer."

'Endlessly kind' teenager dies

A TEENAGER has died after being hit by a car in Great Barr. Pedestrian Charlie Heywood, aged 19, was killed in the early hours of Sunday morning.



Charlie Heywood

The crash happened at around 3.35am on Birmingham Road heading towards Walsall, near to the junction with Barrhill Close on the approach to junction 7 of the M6 motorway.

Despite the best efforts of paramedics and passers-by that stopped to help, the teenager, who is from Great Barr, was pronounced dead at the scene.

The driver of a blue Mercedes was arrested on suspicion of a number of matters including driving while under the influence of drugs.

Charlie's family paid tribute to the student, who they described as an 'endlessly kind young man'. They released a picture of the Arsenal fan at Wembley at the 2014 FA Cup final.

Anyone with any information should call police on 101.

Tables are turned as Verity's invited



Verity Edwards at the Garden Party

WORKING as a PA to the Mayor, Verity Edwards is accustomed to handing out invites to the great and good of Walsall.

However, she was in for quite a surprise when the tables were turned on her and she found herself opening an invite to the Queen's Garden Party.

Verity was nominated by the Lord Lieutenant's Office to attend the Buckingham Palace event and she travelled to London with her husband last week to attend.

The Garden Party invite was a mark of appreciation from her Maj-

esty's Household for Verity's service to the Lord Lieutenant's Office in Walsall.

She joined the council in 1989 and has worked in the Mayoral Office since 1986. In this time she has looked after 20 different Mayors as well as all of their deputies.

Outgoing mayor, Councillor Angela Underhill, who has worked closely with Verity for the past year said: "Verity is a Walsall treasure - not one of us in the Mayoral Office would have known which way was up in the early weeks of our tenure, without her sup-

portive guidance and calm air of efficiency. She is part of the very fabric of Walsall Council and we all value her enormously."

Verity said: "I couldn't believe it when I got the letter - it's usually me that does the asking."

"I seriously thought that the Lord Lieutenant's Office was having me on, but I was straight on the phone to tell my husband Darren. He was delighted for me and once it had sunk in, so was I. We spent a lovely day in London - it was fantastic and the weather was great."

Mothers-to-be turned away from using Manor

HUNDREDS of expectant mothers have been forced to change plans for their baby's birth, after being told they cannot be delivered at Walsall Manor Hospital.

A total of 250 mums-to-be from Sandwell will now give birth at services run by Sandwell and West Birmingham Hospital NHS Trust.

It is the latest move by health bosses who are looking to relieve pressure at the overburdened Manor which delivered around 4,900 babies last year and was subsequently branded 'inadequate' by the Care Quality Commission for a lack of capacity and understaffing in the maternity department.

An initial cap was introduced in March affecting around 500 women in Willenhall and Cannock Chase who were told to use Wolverhampton's New Cross instead.

A fortnight later ruling bosses at the Manor explained that that cap would be extended affecting mothers in the Sandwell area which has now been confirmed and implemented.

Women registered at 11 GP practices have been impacted by the latest change.

Assessment

A spokesman from Walsall Clinical Commissioning Group said: "As of 6th May, around 250 newly expectant women who are registered with one of 11 GP practices in Sandwell, have been signposted to maternity care services at the Sandwell and West Birmingham Hospital Trust instead of Walsall Manor Hospital. The 11 GP practices have been considered following a fully completed quality risk assessment."

Professor Nick Harding, chair of Sandwell and West Birmingham CCG confirmed the body were well aware of the proposed changes beforehand and had taking part in the talks with Walsall health chiefs.

He said: "We have been working with NHS Walsall and local GPs to communicate these changes to all expectant mums and health professionals who have been affected."

Bosses have already declared they have made strides in improving maternity services at Manor Hospital. In particular more midwives have been recruited and now the midwife to birth ratio, which was as high as 1:37 is now much closer to the national recommendation of 1:28. The hospital has also been given the green light to invest £3million in expanding its neo-natal unit from 15 cots to 20.

Wedding bells to fond farewells



Cindy Costello, left, who ran Cindy Belles Bridal and sewing studio, retiring after 27 years, with Candice Morgan

FROM bridezillas to blushing brides - Cindy Costello has seen it all. She will now be retiring after almost 30 years of serving women before the biggest days of their lives.

Mrs Costello, of Cindy Belles Bridal and Sewing Studio, Howdles Lane, in Brownhills, opened the shop around 27 years ago, when big peach dresses with frills were all the rage.

Now, she has passed the shop

onto new owner Candice Morgan, who hopes she will be able to follow in the long-serving footsteps of her predecessor.

Mrs Costello, aged 47, who lives in Brownhills with her husband, Loz, aged 50, said: "When I started there were a lot of peach and blue numbers, a lot of separates too - so people would buy a bodice and a separate fitted skirt. When I met Candice I knew she would be perfect for the job."

"It's so lovely that she's kept the shop's original name too."

She added: "Now my husband and I are really looking forward to just enjoying life and spending weekends together - which we rarely did because the shop was open on a Saturday."

Now, the shop has a brand new website and the new owner is looking to host her own bridal fair at Baron's Court, Walsall, following the path of Mrs Costello.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Bus services takeover call

THE soon-to-be-formed West Midlands Combined Authority has been urged to take control of public transport in the region.

Currently, National Express West Midlands operates the vast majority of buses in the region. Willenhall Councillor Ian Shires claims that if the combined authority organised services according to need and encouraged franchising, public transport users would see an improvement.

In London, services offered from a mix of private sources and public services organised by the Transport for London Agency, a move which councillor Shires says would work in the West Midlands.

He said: "There is a strong case for positive proactive partnerships or even bus franchising in order to protect local services and support strong economic growth through an integrated local transport policy. I believe if the West Midlands Combined Authority can take a stand on the issue."

Jobs hope over pub shops plan

DOZENS of jobs are poised to be created as plans to turn a pub in Aldridge into a shop have been recommended for approval.

The plans relating to The Lime Kilns in Northgate, formerly known as the Struggling Monkey, will see 30 jobs created. Developers want to demolish the front and one of the side walls to create a more 'traditional' layout for the potential shop.

The application has been submitted by Stourbridge firm PJ Planning on behalf of the owners of the site, the Neil Guy Pension Fund. Planning officers have recommended it be approved when Walsall Council's planning committee meets today.

Shoplifter blitz hailed a success

POLICE patrols to target shoplifters in Bloxwich have been a success and shoplifting has reduced by a quarter, according to officers.

Last month neighbourhood officers for the area announced they would be stepping up patrols in Bloxwich High Street to combat theft.

Sergeant Michael Sansbury, of the Bloxwich neighbourhood team, said: "We have been targeting prolific offenders and supporting stores to prevent shoplifting."

Football Glory sought down your local pub

A BLACK Country brewery has created a new ale for the Euro 2016 football championships. Glory Glory is going out this week to Holden's Brewery's pubs across the Black Country.

The 4.3 per cent strength amber ale has been created at the brewery in Sedgley Road, Woodsetton. The brewery hopes it will encourage supporters of England, Wales and Northern Ireland to watch matches in their pubs.

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REJOICE, for a Parliamentary report due soon will recommend that, because we are living longer and fitter, the age limit to keep your driving licence without the need for a review should be raised from 70 to 75. Assuming you can remember where you left the car keys.

THE Government tells us that leaving the EU would be a leap in the dark. In the next breath, with amazing precision, it warns that, after Brexit, the value of a £60,000 pension pot could fall by exactly £5,200. If it's such a dark place, how can they see so clearly?

OUR changing language. Some gay activists involved in this month's Pride march in London are opposed to contingents from the armed forces taking part on the grounds that it appears to support the military and arms industry. Or as Symon Hill, coordinator of the pacifist Peace Pledge Union, puts it: "I urge the organisers of Pride to wake up and realise that they are helping the armed forces and BAE Systems to pinkwash their image." Pinkwash. I love it.

ONLY an old harrumpher would point out that, if our armed forces hadn't won the Second World War, Britain today would be part of the Reich and the only march for gays would be the one leading to the gas chambers.

WHICH leads on to the following pertinent quote. It has been variously attributed to Kipling, Churchill and George Orwell and the words are sometimes slightly changed. But it bears repeating and you'll get the gist of it:



"People sleep peaceably in their beds at night only because rough men stand ready to do violence on their behalf." You may not approve of militarism. You may be offended by the sight of soldiers marching. But never kid yourself that you would enjoy the life and liberties you have today without those rough men.

SINCLAIR McKay, author of a new book on the wartime codebreakers at Bletchley Park, claims that some locals, perplexed by the oddballs working at Bletchley, came to the conclusion that the place was a government-run psychiatric hospital. I can believe that. It was my privilege on two occasions to interview Professor Harry Hinsley, one of the most remarkable Brits of the 20th century. The son of a Walsall coal merchant, he went to Cambridge and led Bletchley's team who broke German naval codes. Hinsley recalled one expert whose daily routine was to take his after-dinner tea each evening while strolling by the park's lake. When he finished his tea, he would toss the cup and saucer into the lake. Some were merely eccentric but he was literally crack-pot.

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Trust 'heading out of special measures'

THE NHS Trust which runs Walsall Manor Hospital is on course to come out of special measures by next year, it has been claimed.

Walsall North MP David Winnick said Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust chief executive Richard Kirby gave the reassurances during a recent meeting. The MP said the pair had also discussed maternity services at the Trust.

He said he was told by Mr Kirby that the Trust was hoping to increase the number of mothers able to give birth within the borough by 2017/18 – rather than sending mothers-to-be to Wolverhampton's New Cross Hospital.

Mr Winnick said: "As it stands at the moment a number of births will continue to be outside the borough, but by next year, 2017/18, it is hoped

that it will return to normal and maternity services will not need to be outsourced. Of course it was emphasised that safety must be the number one priority."

He said Mr Kirby offered reassurances that the Trust was expecting to have made sufficient progress to be taken out of special measures by next year. Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust was placed into special measures ear-

lier this year after a damning Care Quality Commission (CQC) report.

The CQC is expected to carry out another inspection of the health trust in March next year.

Mr Winnick added: "It has been a great disappointment to the community that the hospital is considered to be inadequate but hopefully the hospital will come out of special measures."

Hundreds of homes set for village green belt

By Jessica Labhart

MORE than 200 homes could be built on green belt land in Essington, under new plans.

A total of 210 homes will sit alongside a new shop and parking to serve St John's School and allotments at Hobnock Road.

The proposed site is next to Swan Park — part of Essington parish council's preserved green belt land. Councillor David Clift, chairman of Essington Parish Council, raised concerns that building homes on green belt land could 'sprawl out of control'.

He said: "This application just shows how much pressure the green belt land is under to be used for housing and other developments."

"The fact is is that the council has already met its quota for housing developments for 2028 with the Elmwood Avenue development. Green belt land is important to people who live in these areas and indeed beyond.

Breached

"If large developments such as this are allowed to go ahead, they could sprawl out of control. Local boundaries could be breached."

The plans are currently in the initial application stage, meaning that they are not yet available for public view. However, a drawing of the proposed site has been released. It shows six large clusters of houses, with further homes running along the edges of the site which is lined by trees.

The application has been made by Jack Moody, who owns and operates the Hollybush garden centre and aquaria, on Warstone Road, Shreshill, Wolverhampton. It is being dealt with by Wolverhampton-based property management company, First City Ltd who is also in charge of the sale of the 56 acre Windmill Quarry, on Bognop Road, Essington.

Mr Moody and his team at the Hollybush garden centre were unavailable for comment on the plans.

Pupils play hard ball to nab top prize



Taking part in trampoline dodgeball at Jump Nation – King Charles Primary School scooped the top prize

SCHOOLS from Walsall battled it out to be crowned dodgeball champions – with the winners taking home £1,000 worth of sports equipment.

A tournament held at Bentley Mill Way's Jump Nation saw six schools from the borough compete in a two-hour competition while friends and family watched.

The schools, including King Charles, New Invention and Old Church, were battling it out to win the sports equipment, as well as £150 worth of vouchers for free access to the arena for a year.

The games took place in the dedicated Dodgeball court at Europe's largest indoor trampoline arena.

Dodgeball instructor Pete Malloy said: "The schools performed really well today and the end result was very

close, which made for an exciting finish. King Charles just pipped the others to the post and the team worked really well together and were co-ordinated, which I think is why they won overall".

The Jump Nation site, which opened this year, boasts 218 trampolines, connected together to form one huge bounce space.

Michelle Ball, managing director, said: "Since opening in February this year we've been going from strength to strength and this tournament has been a really enjoyable way to get the local community involved.

"The schools have all done so well today, we have all had a lot of fun and the teams showed off some impressive moves."

Prisoners get 35,000 days extra as punishment

MORE than 35,000 extra days in custody were given to prisoners in the Midlands, new figures have revealed.

Inmates were slapped with a total of 35,820 extra days, while a total of 2,574 adjudications – which are costly hearings to determine if prisoners had broken rules – in 2015.

HMP Oakwood, a category C jail near Wolverhampton, gave out 5,404 extra days punishment to its 1,590 inmates – the eight highest in the country.

The prison also conducted 514 adjudications in 2015 – the second largest amount in England.

The hearings usually concern incidents of disobedience, disrespect or property offences and can result in a range of punishments including loss of canteen access, solitary confinement and extra days of imprisonment on top of an offenders' existing sentence.

Elsewhere in the Midlands, 5,098 extra days punishment were given to male juveniles at HMP Brinsford in Stafford. The prison also had 396 adjudication hearings.

HMP Birmingham, for Category B and C offenders, based at Winslow Green held 289 hearings, and gave out 4,138 extra days.

HM Featherstone, a category C men's prison on the same site of Oakwood, gave out 3,608 extra days and held 228 hearings.

The figures have been released by the Howard League of Penal Reform which has claimed extending sentences creates a 'vicious cycle'.

Support group to discuss suicide

A SUPPORT group has organised a day for people who have lost a loved one to suicide to take advice and help.

The Walsall branch of the Survivors of Bereavement by Suicide has set up the help day for Saturday, at Carrs Lane Church in Birmingham.

Professor Rory O'Connor, who leads the Suicide Research Laboratory at Glasgow University, and Michelle L Rusk, author of various books on the topic, will be present.

The cost for the day is £27, including lunch and refreshments, and bookings can be made via www.uk-sobs.org.uk/events or by calling the support group on 0115 944 1117.

There will also be the opportunity to meet others who have experienced a loss, the chance to ask questions and to talk about their thoughts.

Kula Shaker to play album K at gig

PSYCHEDELIC band Kula Shaker are playing in Birmingham just before Christmas. The band will be playing debut album K, which was released 20 years ago. Tickets for the concert at the O2 Institute in Digbeth on December 12 are now on sale.

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Shopping centre opening boost

OPENING hours have been extended at a major shopping centre in Walsall to boost trade.

As part of a trial Crown Wharf will remain open until 8pm on Monday to Friday – two hours longer than previously on weekdays.

Major brands including TK Maxx, H&M, Next, Outfit, River Island, Argos and Asda Living are based at the site as well as restaurants Nando's, Frankie & Benny's and Starbucks.

Free parking is also available after 6pm.

Hospital gripes in major drop

COMPLAINTS have substantially fallen at Walsall Manor Hospital.

There were 27 formal complaints made to the ruling trust in April – a significant decrease on the 47 submitted the previous month. Workers were able to respond within the 30 working day target 41 per cent of the time.

Three out of the 20 complaints in April were held and bosses have completed 'lessons to be learned' reports on each while none were referred to the Government watchdog the Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman.

Headline act is announced

THE Interpreters have been announced as headliners for a music concert in Walsall. Bands on the Beacon is on July 3. The band consists of lead vocalist Tom Bradshaw, who also plays guitar and harmonica; Dean Jones on guitar and vocals; Kieran Baker on bass and vocals and Rob Briggs on drums.

Other bands include, Sunday 44, Pleasure House and Dinky. Gates at Barr Beacon Park will open at 11.30am for a 12.30pm start.

Parish church set for summer event

PREPARATIONS for the annual summer fayre at Rushall Parish Church are underway.

The event, which takes place at the Leigh Road church from 11am on June 11, will have a red, white and blue theme this year, in honour of the Queen's 90th birthday.

Organiser Bob Barnard said: "All of the usual stalls will be there, as well as a tombola, raffle and other games."

Admission to the village fayre is free.

Police in arrests

THREE suspected illegal immigrants were arrested on the M6 near Great Barr. Police stopped a van just before junction seven on Friday night and detained two people for illegal entry and another for over staying since 2013. The Central Motorway Police Group confirmed the incident.

Battle ahead for 'one in a million' Max



Paul and Vicki Bamforth with Maximilian

A BABY described as 'one in a million' after being born against the odds has been diagnosed with a rare heart condition and will require major surgery.

Willenhall couple Paul and Vicki Bamforth were thrilled at the arrival of Maximilian at Walsall Manor Hospital on Thursday, May 19.

Remarkably, Vicki, 31, became pregnant naturally even though she has two uteruses and polycystic ovaries and was told she would need IVF treatment.

But now the tot, who weighed just three pounds and 10 ounces after

being delivered by caesarean section, has been diagnosed with Truncus Arteriosus which affects one in 10,000.

His parents, both teachers, have gone through a rollercoaster of emotions in the last few days but are now focusing on staying strong for the health battle ahead.

Paul said: "This was a really big shock and we just couldn't take it in at first."

"We'd gone from feeling on top of the world to feeling sick with worry."

"Max's heart should have two tubes, one for oxygenated blood, one

for deoxygenated blood, but he only has one tube.

"He will need surgery when he weighs 2kg, and other operations after that."

Maximilian's operation will be at Birmingham Children's Hospital but the couple have asked for their son to remain at the Manor Hospital having been impressed with his care in Walsall.

Vicki said: "He's a little fighter anyway because he's here against the odds so we're going to stay positive and take each day as it comes."

Family con-tent with living arrangements

JOHN Tompkins' cosy one-bedroom bungalow has been his castle for the past six years – but at the age of 71, he has been forced to move into a tent in his front garden.

The reason behind his unexpected change in living arrangements is the arrival of his three children who have taken up permanent residence with him.

The pensioner felt that with two teenage girls and a 12-year-old boy in the mix, he had to think outside the box. After giving up his bedroom to his daughters, he slept on the sofa in the living room for several months, with his son bedding down on a mattress 'in a cubby hole.'

The ex-soldier then hit on the solution of pitching up a tent in the garden but it's not ideal, he says, and he is hoping Walsall housing bosses will be able to provide the family with something more suitable. The children – Lauren, 15, Elise, 14, and Lewis, 12 – used to live with their mother, his ex-partner, until February when she became unwell.

"I'm knocking on a bit now but I was happy to have them, in fact it's given me a new lease of life. The trouble is we can't all cram into a little bungalow."

Waiting

"I got the girls some guest beds but Lewis had to bed down in a cubby hole, like a storage area, which was a bit claustrophobic, so he loves the tent. It's like a den for him."

In the meantime Mr Tompkins has had a couple of bids to Walsall Housing Group turned down.

"I can't entirely blame them as there aren't enough properties available – but in Rushall it seems to be a case of waiting for someone to die. I felt I needed to give the girls a bit of privacy, and put up the back end of a trailer tent in the garden for me and Lewis about three weeks ago. They all go to Aldridge School, although Lauren's just finished and will be going to college in September, but they love it there."

The former bus and truck driver, who was a member of the Royal Signals for nine years, serving in Northern Ireland, retired early from his last driving job on health grounds following a work-related injury. Sleeping under canvas outside is not recommended for his health, he says, but at least the neighbours don't mind. "They've been great," he says. "There's three very nice old ladies in the street. One of them brought over a bread pudding for us, and the other day Louis made a cheese macaroni dish at school and brought it round to her as a thank-you."



Father of three John Tompkins, with Lewis, aged 12, Elise, 14, and Lauren, 12, outside his bungalow



John seen with his bed and the family pet Buster



The trailer tent pitched up in the garden in Rushall

Road rage resulted in man being punched

A MOTORIST launched a road rage-style attack on another driver at a filling station, a judge was told.

Violence flared when Arqash Zaffar thought he had been blocked in by another car on the forecourt of the Jet garage in Ablewell Street, Walsall, Wolverhampton Crown Court heard.

A row erupted during which the other drive hurled racial abuse at him and refused to move, it was said.

Furious Zaffar punched the other man once in the face before passengers from his car continued the assault, explained Mr Scott Coughtrie, prosecuting.

The victim received grazing and bruising to his face and head but did not require medical treatment, the court was told. Police were called and found 10 wraps of cocaine and four containing cannabis during a search of the defendant's car, continued Mr Coughtrie. The clash occurred during the early hours of Saturday June 8, 2013.

Zaffar, now aged 31, had been on bail for almost three years waiting for the case to be resolved, explained Mr Simon Rippon, defending, who continued: "He has settled down to adult life with a wife and family. He stopped taking drugs and mixing with the wrong crowd."

The delay in concluding the case resulted from a trial – involving more serious allegations against the defendant arising from the same incident – having to be abandoned in October 2014 after one of the lawyers was badly hurt in an accident.

Adult students are celebrated

WALSALL College celebrated the success of its adult students at a recent awards ceremony.

During the evening, 24 students were presented with Student of the Year Awards for achieving excellence in their area of study, along with an award for the overall Adult Student of the Year. The overall award was won by Access to HE Health Professions student, Thomas Whitehouse, 25, who has received an offer to study a degree in Physiotherapy at the University of Worcester.

The VIP event, held in the college's £11m Business and Sports Hub, was attended by around 100 guests who enjoyed a pre-drinks reception and four course meal and performances by music students.

New pitch due at town campus

A £465,000 grant to the University of Wolverhampton will see a new football pitch built at the University's Walsall campus. Work on the new 3G pitch is set to start over the summer and should open by October.

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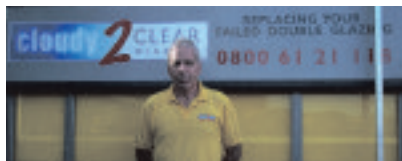
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IN MY VIEW

with Mark Andrews



Capital! At last I am classed as a VIP

IT'S a funny old world. Every week I write a few words here, in the hope it will amuse and entertain some of you, or maybe make you think.

Of course, I know, it won't actually change anything, and certainly not influence your opinion on any subject.

Or at least I hope it won't, I would really hate that. Because while I might like airing my opinions, I really know that it matters very little what I think about these things, I am really not important.

Which is strange, because I recently returned from holiday to receive a glossy card telling me that is exactly what I am. Important that is.

The card was sent to me by a well-known local car dealer, informing me that I had been invited to its "forthcoming VIP Showroom Event" – as opposed to a "previous VIP Showroom Event" – which would presumably have involved some kind of time-travel.

And why do the words "showroom" and "event" need capital letters?

It is the bane of our trade how some people think that a few strategically but incorrectly placed block letters can somehow make something seem more important.

It doesn't. It just makes the writer look illiterate.

Anyway, if I telephone the showroom's VIP booking desk, yes, they've got one of those as well, I will get a VIP pass which will allow me into the VIP Showroom Event. According to the literature, "this will be no ordinary event", and VIP passes are strictly limited.

And what exactly does it involve? Well having read the card in great detail, I have come to the conclusion that if I decide to take up the offer, I will get the opportunity to buy a car.

Never felt so important in my life.

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MIND you, it's a strange world, selling cars. I remember test driving a car back in 2003, going away to think about it and returning a short while later to do the deal. Straight away, I was offered another test drive, and despite my protestations that this was not necessary, I was handed the keys and ushered into the driver's seat.

It was only when I was invited into the back office to sort on the minutiae that I spotted the whiteboard detailing the big fat commission they got for every test drive.

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THERE has been a lot of bad press about the mindless violence, nudity and general debauchery in the BBC's new costume drama Versailles. And I am horrified. I only went and missed it, didn't I?



Muhammad Ali seen during his visit to the West Midlands



Ali, in Dudley, with Buyrite Autoparts boss Terry Carvin, left



Boxing promoter, Ron Gray, from Cannock with Ali in the 1970s

Special times spent with 'the Greatest'

CARL JACKSON talks to West Midlanders lucky enough to have met Muhammad Ali and hear how he affected their lives

HE hailed himself as 'The Greatest' who 'shook up the world'. And those from the West Midlands who had the privilege to meet Muhammad Ali throughout his remarkable life have endorsed the claims made by the great man, who died last Friday.

Boxing promoter Ron Gray, from Cannock, got closer than most. In his own fighting days he featured on the undercard on both occasions Ali fought Henry Cooper – at Wembley in 1963 and in 1966 at Highbury.

He also met him numerous times afterwards throughout his promoting career.

Loveable

Mr Gray said: "When you ask people who the two most popular names are in the whole world they say Muhammad Ali and Nelson Mandela. They are both mentioned in the same breath.

"I met him on several occasions. He was just a lovely, lovely man. Absolutely different to the way he was when he came out with his outbursts. He was a quiet person actually but so loveable with the press. You would ask him a question and get a half-an-hour answer. He was absolutely brilliant and marvellous for boxing. It is a terrible shame."

And yet Ron's late brother Billy got to share a ring with the man who floated like a butterfly and stung like a bee. In 1966 he was drafted in to spar with Ali as he prepared to fight Brian London.

Paying tribute to his sibling after he lost his battle to cancer last year, Ron said at the time: "There seemed to be a link between our family and Ali. He's competed over here three times and I boxed on two of those bills, while Billy



Cassius Clay, sparring with Walsall's Billy Gray in 1966 before he fought Brian London

sparred with him for his fight on the other.

"He got the call to go down to the Thomas A Becket gym in London and spend two days with Ali, before he fought Brian London. The strange thing was I spent a month up in Blackpool sparring with Brian at the time. I joked with Billy that I was softening him up for Ali."

In 1979 Ali made his first visit to the Midlands. During which time he was presented a commemorative belt in Birmingham, which was later bought by advertising guru Trevor Beattie, once of Wolverhampton.

But photobombing the handover was none other than Sir Lenny Henry who paid tribute to Ali calling him a 'titan' of boxing.

Tony Wilson, 55 and from Wolverhampton, was another to meet the man formerly known as Cassius Clay when he came to England.

Ali returned in 1983 stopping by at Wolverhampton's The Sheraton on Raglan Street

among other fan-packed destinations in Birmingham, Dudley and Coventry.

Mr Wilson, who was an amateur boxing champion at the time and now teaches at Arena Gym in Willenhall, said: "I was very sad to hear he passed away. I met him in Handsworth. He stopped and asked who we were and started shadow boxing with us in the street. It was one of the highlights of my life. I went to bed that night and couldn't stop dreaming about it. He was very humble for what he achieved. If I can get a fighter with just a quarter of his skill I would consider myself blessed."

Businessman Terry Carvin was able to get Ali to open his new firm Buyrite Autoparts in Dudley during the 1983 visit.

Having met the boxer in America he agreed to pay him £3,000 to cut the ribbon at the unveiling while more than 2,000 screaming fans

packed Hall Street outside. The 69-year-old from Kingswinford, said: "You could see the early signs of his problems were there. I could see that. But he was still all there and messing around sparring with people doing that sort of thing. He was doing a lot of talking to the fans. He must have been there a good four hours. A gypsy came in and forecast he was going to be shot. We've got a video of him saying 'they tried to get me but nobody's got me yet'."

Former boxer, Scott Murray, owner of Bar Sport in Cannock, has hosted some of boxing's biggest ever names for after-dinner speeches at the venue's Premier Suite lounge including the likes of Sugar Ray Leonard and Evander Holyfield.

While Ali has never been there himself four of his opponents Henry Cooper, Earnie Shavers, George Chuvalo and Ken Norton are among a stellar list to have entertained audiences in Cannock.

Mr Murray said: "They were all in awe of him. He was just an inspiring character. All the guys we have hosted who met him have said the same. A lot of them said he's the reason they took up boxing. He was Sugar Ray Leonard's hero. It's tremendous the amount of influence he has. I never met him. I do have a load of his memorabilia though. It is very sad. He was the greatest boxer that ever lived I don't think we'll see anyone greater."

Ali, who was world heavyweight champion a record three times, was equally if not more famous for his charm, wit, charisma, outrageous rhymes and outspoken views in projecting the Nation of Islam's ideology.

But his speed and flare in the ring defying the traditional attributes of a typical heavyweight inspired generations of boxers, including those born well after he had hung up his gloves only to commence one of his biggest and most enduring battles – with Parkinson's disease.

Tanny Khan, manager at Merridale Boxing Club in Wolverhampton, said he still uses videos of Ali to train upcoming fighters.

He said: "We have got pictures of him all over the place. Whenever we go on trips we have his DVDs on and just go through with the boxers how he used to fight. He was a big inspiration... There will never be another Muhammad Ali."

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Focusing on the life of Eurocrats

THE Jeremy Paxman report on BBC 1 on Thursday night was most enlightening. It showed the life of the bureaucrats who run Europe. They are appointed not elected. They reminded me of a body appointed to administer projects in the West Midlands called Advantage West Midlands.

They were funded and their main task was to accept bids by local authorities and then decide who should or should not receive their blessing. They were courted by all local authorities to satisfy the hopes and aspirations of their constituents. Just like

the European bureaucrats their role was to dish out money that they had in no way helped to earn. When they were dismissed no-one noticed the passing of Advantage West Midlands. The running of Europe is the same. They receive monies from member countries and their responsibility is to see who benefits. If they get it wrong then no one knows because it has never had an audit yet they are taking away the sovereign powers of all participating countries.

Clr John Rochelle, Chairman Aldridge and Brownhills Conservative Association

Pavements are not for parked cars

IN reply to J Johnson's letter regarding parking on pavements. There is a law against parking and obstructing pavements as far as I am aware.

Last year I complained to Sandwell Council about this same problem on the Millfields estate where I live.

My wife is in a wheelchair and it has become an annoying difficulty on the estate at night, having to bounce her down gutters to pass the cars of these inconsiderate drivers. The council's reply? 'It's not our problem, contact the police.'

So I wrote to the chief constable of the West Midlands force. An officer called at my house, parking his patrol car - all four wheels on the pavement - and told me they would warn offenders first and if they did it again, they would be fined and maybe have their vehicle towed away.

Eighteen months later and nothing has changed - no fines have been given out, so who's to blame?

J G HAYWOOD
West Bromwich

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Odd praise for staff with so many sickies

THE new Walsall Mayor, on her appointment, Councillor Kath Phillips, I quote '...I want to celebrate all that is good about Walsall', including 'the wonderful workforce of Walsall Council'.

A rather strange way to describe those with the second highest sickie leave rate in the country, at 12.2 per cent, costing millions, being taken as 'holidays entitlement'. Madam you must be joking, or you just didn't know!

Perhaps you will have better luck than Councillor Bird, in finding a good subject to celebrate on Walsall.

Mike Bird, when leader of the council, had asked me to write something good about Walsall. When I asked him

for a subject, there was not even a reply. The last elections, Councillor Bird, his description of 80 per cent of the electorate not voting, he puts down as 'laziness'.

With only 20 per cent of the electorate voting, had he thought, perhaps the electorate, apart for a few political party zealots, voting blindly, most are far from being impressed by the councillors, their culture of party politics, and the lack of competent leadership.

The inability to work as a team, or to be working in harmony, with empathy, to do a job. A difficult task? Yes. Considering the time period, of 40 years the failings have existed.

R HAMMOND
Walsall

PM should step down

I THINK that David Cameron should resign as he is no longer a credible, honourable Prime Minister. He treats working class people who are the backbone of the country with disrespect, he cannot fight the EU debate with dignity and honesty so he resorts to scaremongering and hypocrisy.

The rich will never care about these things, their children can go to private schools and pay for private care while they get richer and richer, at your expense.

To all the people whose ancestors fought for this country and died to keep us free, I say do not allow Cameron and his crew to frighten you, living in fear is not living at all. Get out and vote for a better way of life out of the EU.

They have taken over every aspect of our lives.

C A HARRIS
Willenhall

Germany's in charge

SHOULD voters in the EU referendum decide to vote 'remain', then if it is successful then I trust they will be perfectly happy with the probable prospect of their children, grandchildren being conscripted to serve in the EU defence force.

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Saddlers hoping to be pitch perfect



Spraying the pitch, ready for renovation, at the Banks's Stadium. Picture courtesy of Woodward Turf Care

THE season might be over for Walsall but groundsman are already working hard to get the pitch ready for the upcoming season.

Work is underway at the Banks's Stadium as tractors take to the field to make the grass perfect as the Saddlers go again in League One. Sports turf contractors Woodward Turf Care were out on the pitch last week spraying the grass ready for a pitch renovation. Jon Whitney's players missed out on promotion to The Championship earlier this month after falling to a disappointing 6-1 defeat - over two legs - to Yorkshire side Barnsley.

The team finished a respectable third in the table after an impressive season but just couldn't do enough to carry them through to the league above.

Paul sets sights on run



Runner Paul O'Connell

AN opticians manager will show a keen eye for the prize when he takes on the gruelling Great North Run for charity in September.

Paul O'Connell, boss of Specsavers in Park Street, Walsall, will be running the 13.1-mile half marathon course in aid of the Macular Society, a national charity that provides support for people affected by central vision loss.

The macula is the part of the eye responsible for all of our central vision, most of our colour vision and the fine detail of what we see. The Macular Society provides free information and support to improve lives, and funds key research with the aim to ensure no-one has to face macular disease alone. He said: "Over 600,000 people suffer from macular conditions in the UK alone, so the research that The Macular Society does is essential."

Store director, Andrew Clarke, added: "It takes real commitment to train for this kind of run and the team here at Walsall is behind Paul, 100 per cent."

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10 Apprentices help feed homeless

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KIND-HEARTED apprentices from Walsall College took to the streets to help feed over 200 homeless people in Birmingham.

The trainee plumbers, who are currently completing their training at HomeServe, were able to give something back to the community last week as part of an enrichment project on their course.

They chose to support the work of The Midland Langer Seva Society, a Sikh organisation who have been providing food for those in need for a number of years.

Different

Steve Humphreys, team leader for Construction and Building Technologies at the college, said: "Previously the apprentices have opted to go go-karting and for team meals, so this was something very different that they all felt was a real eye opener and also very humbling."

The apprentices are currently part way through a two-year training programme in partnership with national home assistance provider, HomeServe and Walsall College, in which on completion they will achieve a Level 2 Plumbing qualification.

Brooch sales hope to help raise cash for hospice on its fifth anniversary

A CHARITY which provides specialist care for people suffering with cancer in Walsall is celebrating its fifth anniversary.

St Giles Walsall Hospice has cared for a total of more than 1,200 patients in its catchment area since first opening back in April 2011.

The total annual running costs of St Giles Walsall Hospice are £1.6 million - which works out at £4,384 a day.

With only half of this total amount being funded by the NHS itself, the charity relies heavily on donations and income generation from the local community to raise a further £800,000 a year.

Volunteers

Angela Greenwood, deputy clinical lead at St Giles Walsall Hospice, said: "We are delighted to mark the fifth anniversary of the vital and expert care that we provide."

"End-of-life care is something we



The Tree of Life sculpture at St Giles Walsall Hospice

are incredibly passionate about. We look forward to continuing our work long into the future, with the continued help from our fabulous volunteers

and kind donations from the local community, which are crucial to the running of our service."

A commemorative brooch marking



The brooch to mark the 5th anniversary

the fifth anniversary of the opening of the hospice has now gone on sale.

The bespoke design of the 'tree of life' brooch, made locally from sil-

ver-plated pewter and enamel, is inspired by the 'tree of life' sculpture, which is the focal point of the courtyard situated at the heart of the hospice.

Proceeds from the sale of the special edition brooches will support the work of the charity.

Ms Greenwood said: "For those who visit St Giles Walsall Hospice, the 'tree of life' sculpture is an uplifting place for reflection and a symbol for life, peace and tranquility."

"We are delighted to announce the release of our special edition fifth anniversary brooch, which local people will be able to wear to show their support for the hospice and remind themselves and others of this life-affirming message."

"I would encourage people to purchase their brooch as soon as possible to ensure they don't miss out on this unique opportunity."

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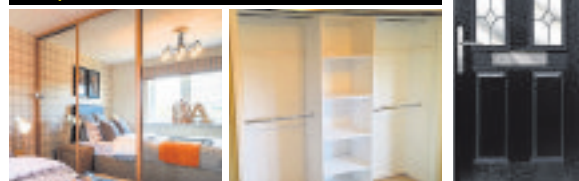
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Birthday to remember is on the cards for Isabell

LITTLE Isabell Salat looks set to have a birthday to remember – now she's got more than 1,200 cards to open.

The brave Walsall girl has received post from well-wishers from all over the world after a campaign was launched to make her day extra special.

The four-year-old, who turns five on June 30, has coronary heart disease.

Her mother Kimberley Tipper has asked people from all over to send a birthday card in the post.

So far, after around three weeks, a total of 1,245 cards and counting as well as a host of presents have been generously sent to the youngster.

Isabell had her first open heart surgery at six months and at some stage she will need a pulmonary artery transplant.

Her mother, Kimberley, said she was delighted with the response – but of course, Isabell isn't allowed to see the cards until the big day.

Package

The 26-year-old said: "We didn't think we'd get this much sent through at all, we are completely overwhelmed with the response."

"My mum is getting about 15 a day and we've been receiving up to 150 – every morning we get a package. It's crazy."

"Isabell is going to absolutely love it. I've shown her some photos of the amount we've had but she hasn't seen it in person."

"She said to me 'Wow! Are they all for me mummy, I have hundreds.'"

The campaign was launched on May 1 with the help of a Facebook page called 'Princess Isabell Heart Warrior'.



Isabell, who turns five in a few weeks



The boxes of birthday cards

The page has been used to document Isabell's journey.

Kimberley added: "I've got no idea how many we're going to get but we have 1,245 after the most recent count."

"We thought we'd only get a couple of hundred so we've been blown away."

"There has been quite a lot of presents come through as well – she's got teddy bears and even a group of 15 people have chipped in to get her a Wendy house."

"It's amazing I can't believe that people are so kind and generous. I really am looking forward to the big day. "She's going to be so happy when

she sees everything. It shouldn't be a problem opening everything with her sisters and brothers around."

In the past people from as far as America and France have sent her cards.

Address

To send a birthday card, post it to: Isabell Salat, 2 Howes Croft, Castle Vale, Birmingham, B35 7EL.

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From left Suresh Bawa (Founding Trustee) from Wightwick, Freya Felton, 11, from Willenhall, Dicky Dodd and Steve Bull

WOLVES legend Steve Bull has urged people from the Black Country and beyond to take part in an annual fund-raising walk.

Wolverhampton-based charity Promise Dreams kick-started their third and annual event Walk for Dreams.

Taking part on October 16, it will see walkers, family and friends descend upon the grounds of Himley Hall in Dudley in their thousands to set off on a 10-mile walk to Wolverhampton

Racecourse. The initiative was officially launched at the finish line at the racecourse by patron Steve Bull as well as the charities founding trustee Suresh Bawa and Signal Radio's Dicky Dodd.

Speaking about the event, Bully said: "The event is unbelievable. It means a lot to me because I know where the money is going to. It's going to some really poorly children and there families."

"I've been a patron of Promise

Dreams since day one - I've taken the charity to my heart and love it to bits."

The walkers will be given a warm up to ensure they're ready for the off and a full-on party atmosphere awaits them at the Wolverhampton Racecourse with music, refreshments and, most importantly, somewhere to rest their feet. To sign up or find out more about signing up for Walk for Dreams or helping as a steward visit www.walkfordreams.co.uk and complete the online registration page.

Explosion at derelict site was an accident waiting to happen, court is told

IT WAS an 'accident waiting to happen' when two men suffered terrible burns as an electricity substation exploded in flames at a derelict factory in Aldridge, Wolverhampton Crown Court heard.

There had been a systematic failure to follow health and safety law by CISM Ltd, the firm that employed them, ruled a judge.

Freelance electrician David Spooner was not qualified for the job but the company made no attempt to check his competence before recruiting him to strip out switch gear from the substation without permission, revealed Mr Alexander Stein, prosecuting.

Mr Spooner - who wrongly believed all the high voltage cabling had been turned off - thought the transformer

he was working on with supervisor Ian Parker had been isolated. In fact two of the cables were wired up to another piece of equipment at the former McKechnie Brass site in Middlemore Lane, the court heard.

"One was dead but, as he was telling Mr Parker that the other was live, it exploded," continued Mr Stein who added: "Mr Parker said the whole room turned yellow and there was a loud buzzing noise. He saw Mr Spooner was on fire and did what he could."

Workers outside the substation heard a loud bang and saw the two men coming out with their overalls alight.

Both were kept in an induced coma at hospital - Mr Parker for 17 days and Mr Spooner for ten - and have suffered life-changing injuries involving over 30 per cent burns. They have had

skin grafts and face significant medical issues in the future.

CISM Ltd, from Kings Heath, Birmingham, was working as a sub contractor on the decommissioning and stripping out of the factory and was allowed to sell copper wiring it removed in lieu of payment for the job.

It was not allowed to take cabling from the substation where the blast happened but went ahead regardless without assessing the potential hazard or preparing its workers to deal with the risk, the court was told.

The company, with a £200,000-a-year turn over, admitted it did not plan, manage and monitor work under its control in a way which ensured it was carried out without risk to health and safety on September 11, 2014.

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A REPLICA of the legendary chopper that bore Peter Fonda in the 1969 film *Easy Rider* is to be the star of a school fete. Graham Gamble has answered a plea from his son's teachers who are looking for quirky fundraising ideas.

The motorcycle fanatic will now be opening the event on July 2 at St Christopher's Catholic Primary in Codsall, by riding in with 10-year-old son Freddie Gamble Evans on the back. "I was chatting with the school's head of fundraising when one of the teachers said 'you have got that bike, you should come along to the fair,'" explained Graham, who was born and bred in Wolverhampton.

"It went from me having a stall too having pictures with the kids to 'why don't you come at 11.50am and open the fair.'"

"It is Freddie's last year there. They have been so good to him and I want to give something back."

Graham's 'Captain America' Panzer 1490cc motorbike attracts crowds wherever he takes it and has seen him visit shows across the region. It even allowed him to meet Peter Fonda who was kind enough to sign the bike's tank.

Chuggers restricted in centre with rules

CHUGGERS face new restrictions in Walsall after council bosses declared they are 'putting people off visiting the town'.

The borough council has reached an agreement with the Public Fundraising Association stipulating how face-to-face charity fundraisers operate in the town. Now they can only appeal on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays.

And they will only be allowed to operate in two designated areas of the town; between Poundland in Park Street to the corner of Station Street and from Nat-west in Park Street to the Sister Dora statue on The Bridge.

There can only be a maximum of three fundraisers at each spot with a total of five between the two zones.

Permitted

They have also been told they cannot operate within three metres 9.8 feet of a store entrance, market stall or street vendor.

Only one charity can operate in the town on the permitted days and they must book their place with the PFRA a month in advance.

Shoppers told town centre bosses they felt 'swamped' by chuggers and it is suspected the numbers have in-

creased in Walsall following similar restricting agreements in other towns.

Deputy council leader Lee Jeavons said: "It has been said that they're putting people off from visiting the town which is obviously a real concern for us and particularly retailers."

"No-one should feel harassed by charity collectors and that's why we've negotiated an agreement with the PFRA to restrict their activities in Walsall."

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Customer

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MEMORY LANE

By Alec Brew

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Guy Motors next door became an important customer, and during the Second World War Meadows engines were much in demand for armoured cars and tanks, and the factory was greatly expanded. Towards the end they began making Meteor tank engines, a version of the famous Rolls-Royce Merlin aero-engine.

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Student, 27, sent rape threats on Facebook

A COLLEGE student set up a bogus Facebook account and used it to send rape threats to five women, a court heard.

Shane Gould, who has Asperger Syndrome, masqueraded as a man he had fallen out with over a woman he believed to be his girlfriend, Wolverhampton Crown Court heard.

He took photos from the man's genuine Facebook page and set up a bogus account before using it to message his victims. The 27-year-old made vile threats to rape all five women, including threats of gang rape. And he sent images of his genitalia to two of the five – one aged just 15.

Gould, of Beechtree Road, Walsall, was spared jail last week on account of his mental health. He was instead given a community order and put under supervision for 18 months having previously pleaded guilty to five counts of putting people in fear of violence.

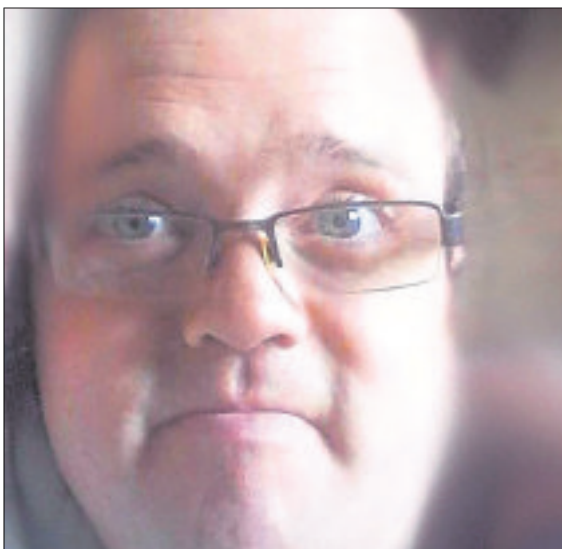
Violence

Recorder Peter Ilevins said: "The victims must have been utterly terrified, not to mention the man you impersonated. People who do what you have done need to go to prison, not for revenge but to express society's condemnation of sending messages like that."

"The only reason I am not sending you to prison is your own vulnerability and problems. You have Asperger Syndrome and chromosomal abnormalities, characterised by intellectual disabilities."

The court was told that Gould sent the messages towards the end of last year and the beginning of this year.

Discussing the youngest victim, Mr John Evans, prosecuting, said: "He messaged her 'meet me and have sex with me or I'll find you and make you. Meet me or I'll find you and rape you



Shane Gould created a bogus Facebook account to make rape threats

with my four mates'." Some of the women blocked the bogus account, while others reported it to the police. This led to the innocent man who was impersonated being arrested three times, the court heard. But ultimately it was traced back to Gould. He was arrested in March.

Mr Lewis Perry, defending, said his client, who had no previous convictions, was regretful and remorseful.

He added: "It is clear he had no real intention to carry those things out. He acknowledges it was stupid and

very much regrets it." Mr Perry added Gould was now in permanent sheltered accommodation where he was not allowed access to the internet and was being supported.

Gould must also now attend a sex offender programme. Several of those sitting in the public gallery, which included one of Gould's victims and the man he impersonated, were angered by the sentence. As they left, one person said: "He [Gould] has ruined six people's lives and he has got away with it."

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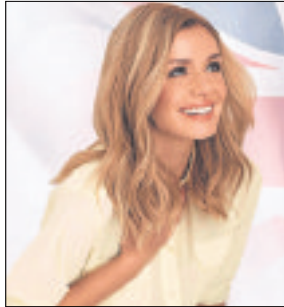
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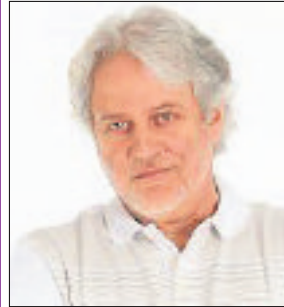
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Nagging masterclass from grumpy women



Grumpy Old Women Kate Robbins, Jenny Eclair and Susie Blake return for 50 Shades of Beige in Birmingham

THE Grumpy Old Women are back – and aim to knock some sense into the nation.

Returning after a critically acclaimed, sell-out spring 2015 tour, the trio return to the Second City for their 50 Shades of Beige show.

Perrier Award-winning comedian, writer and original Grumpy Old Women star Jenny Eclair will be joined by fellow recruits Susie Blake,

a co-star of Victoria Wood and star of Mrs Brown's Boys and Coronation Street and actress and singer Kate Robbins, of Where The Heart Is and Casualty fame, mother to actress Emily Attack.

This show, at Birmingham's New Alexandra Theatre on Friday (June 10) is the fourth leg of the current tour. The grumpy trio will educate the audience on the art of 'Grumpy Grooming', the joy of large pants, a

free nagging master class, beards for women, a complimentary anger management workshop, the rules of middle-aged drinking, navigating the smorgasbord of worry, voluntary euthanasia v retirement, how to customise an unwanted pole dancing kit and even a brief Zumba demonstration. All this and more!

The show starts at 8pm with tickets at £29.15 plus £2.85 transaction fee. Call 0871 246 5898 or 0844 871 7660.

Eyre we go with romantic ballet



JOIN one of literature's most iconic heroines on a journey of courage, romance and tragedy with the World Premiere tour of Northern Ballet's Jane Eyre.

Based on the novel by Charlotte Brontë and performed during the 200th anniversary of her birth, the acclaimed Leeds-based company will bring this beautiful gothic love story to life at Wolverhampton's Grand Theatre tomorrow evening (Friday) and on Saturday. Jane Eyre is choreographed by British dance-maker Cathy Marston. For this new production, she has brought on-board composer Philip Feeney to compile and arrange a score for Jane Eyre.

It tells of how cruelly-treated orphan Jane grows into a responsible governess, whose world is shaken by her brooding and passionate employer Mr Rochester and how their romance is overshadowed by a dark secret.

Cathy Marston said: "Charlotte Brontë's Jane Eyre was a novel far ahead of its time and when I think of Jane I feel inspired by images of her passionate but 'impossible' relationship with Mr Rochester."

The company also perform Tortoise & The Hare, a 40-minute ballet for children from choreographer Dreda Blow, at the Grand on Saturday morning and again in the afternoon.

Meanwhile, Birmingham Royal Ballet continue the Shakespeare commemoration with choreographer John Cranko's version of The Taming of the Shrew, a sparkling battle of the sexes comedy, performed at the Birmingham Hippodrome from June 16-18.

BRB's Shakespeare theme continues from June 22-25 with a triple bill inspired by the Bard.

These include José Limón's The Moor's Pavane, based on Othello; David Bintley's The Shakespeare Suite set to a swinging Duke Ellington score; and a new work by Jessica Lang based on the Sonnets.

"Jane Eyre was a novel far ahead of its time"

Lera lends hand at Ben Folds concert

NASHVILLE-BASED singer/songwriter Lera Lynn, a star of True Detective, supports Ben Folds on his latest tour, which hits the Symphony Hall, Birmingham, next week.

Folds a multi-platinum selling singer/songwriter, returns to the UK with yMusic following the release of his critically acclaimed album So There. Eight new chamber rock songs recorded with yMusic have also been released.

Ben and yMusic also paired up for a sold-out performance at the Royal Opera House in August.

Start time is 7.30pm next Monday, June 13. Tickets are £39. Book at www.thsh.co.uk

S Club Paul does Time Warp again

FORMER S Club member Paul Cattermole, comedian Norman Pace and one-time X Factor contestant Diana Vickers are among the cast of the Rocky Horror Picture Show at Wolverhampton's Grand Theatre next week.

Liam Tamne also features in Richard O'Brien's classic musical, which features the timeless tunes of Sweet Transvestite, Damn it Janet, and the pelvic-thrusting Time Warp.

It runs at the Lichfield Street venue from Monday to Saturday with two shows on each of the final two dates. Tickets start at £19.50. Call 01902 429 212 or visit www.grandtheatre.co.uk

Fotheringay folk in live music return

FOLK legends Fotheringay return with a new set of live dates and will perform in Bilston later this month.

Original members Jerry Donahue, Gerry Conway, and Pat Donaldson will be joined by special guests Katherine Roberts, Sally Barker and PJ Wright – respectfully filling the shoes of Sandy Denny and Trevor Lucas – for the gig at the Robin 2, in Mount Pleasant on Tuesday, June 28.

The tour follows the release of a four-disc box set.

Tickets for the Robin date are £22.50 in advance or £24.50 on the door. Call 01902 401211 or visit www.therobin.co.uk



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Kirsty Wark

The Royal Academy Summer Exhibition 2016 (BBC2, 9.10pm)

Morgan Quaintance and Kirsty Wark go behind-the-scenes at the Royal Academy, as the institution prepares for its annual artistic showcase. This year, sculptor Richard Wilson is serving as curator, and has promised an event that will be marked by 'the wow factor'. Morgan and Kirsty offer viewers a glimpse of the works that will be on display when the exhibition opens, and share the stories of some of the aspiring artists who submitted paintings for inclusion this year.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **9.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **10.15** Trooping the Colour 2016. **1.05** BBC News. **1.20** MOTD: Euro 2016 Live. Albania v Switzerland (Kick-off 2.00pm). **4.00** MOTD: Euro 2016 Live. Wales v Slovakia (Kick-off 5.00pm).

7.20 BBC News.

7.30 Regional Programme.
7.40 The National Lottery: In It to Win It. Dale Winton presents the quiz in which five contestants answer questions to scoop a big cash prize. Only those in the winners' row will have a chance of taking home the loot, so they will need to get all the answers right – as well as a little bit of luck on their side. Includes the Lotto and Thunderball draws.

8.30 The Musketeers. King Louis' estranged brother Gaston (newcomer Andre Flynn) returns to Paris, having previously been exiled from court. On arriving in the capital, he is involved in the brutal slaughter of a band of veteran soldiers at a tavern, and the Musketeers' loyalties are torn when the crown orders them to defend the villainous prince against recrimination. Meanwhile, as Louis welcomes his traitorous sibling back into the fold with open arms, Feron and Grimaud believe they may have found a kindred spirit.

9.25 Casualty. In the wake of Charlie's suspension, Big Mac still refuses to come clean about stealing the drugs. However, a spark of his better nature remains, and when he bravely steps into the line of fire to protect an abused young girl, he finds the courage to admit to his crimes. Meanwhile, Elle receives a frosty reception from her colleagues following her harsh treatment of Charlie, and Rita relishes the attention she is receiving from Iain, despite still being angry with him.

10.15 BBC News: Weather: National Lottery Update.

10.35 MOTD: Euro 2016 Highlights. Gary Lineker presents action from the latest three group matches from France, featuring England v Russia, Wales v Slovakia and Albania v Switzerland.

11.35 Film: I Know What You Did Last Summer. (1997)

1.10 Weather for the Week Ahead. **1.15** BBC News.

BBC2

6.30 Homes Under the Hammer. (R) **7.30 Film:** The Maggie. (1954) **8.55 Film:** The Lavender Hill Mob. (1951) **10.15** Mary Berry Cooks. (R) **10.45** The Hair Bikers: Everyday Gourmets. (R) **11.45** Tom Kerridge's Proper Pub Food. (R) **12.15** Athletics: Diamond League. **1.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **2.15 Film:** On Moonlight Bay. (1951) **3.35** Hog It! (R) **4.30** The Great British Sewing Bee. (R) **5.30** This Week's World.

6.10 Trooping the Colour Highlights 2016. Huw Edwards introduces a round-up of the best moments of this morning's ceremony, from Horse Guards Parade in central London.

7.40 Gardeners' World. Monty Don plants scented annuals and squashes at Longmeadow and harvests honey, while Adam Frost looks at how small spaces in London can be utilised to attract wildlife. (R)

8.10 Grand Tours of Scotland. Paul Merton embarks on a coast-to-coast journey across the northern Highlands, from the remote lighthouse at Tarbat Ness to the castle at Eilean Donan.

8.40 Dad's Army. Sergeant Wilson inherits a title following the death of an elderly relative and joins the aristocracy – much to Mainwaring's annoyance. (R)

9.10 The Royal Academy Summer Exhibition 2016. Morgan Quaintance and Kirsty Wark go behind-the-scenes at the Royal Academy to provide a preview of the works set to appear in this year's summer exhibition.

10.10 01 XL. Extended edition. Bill Bailey, Sandi Toksvig, Jason Manford and regular panellist Alan Davies try to answer host Stephen Fry's range of fiendish questions about lethal things.

10.55 Versailles. Harsh steps are taken to preserve the royal reputation, while flamboyant Philippe causes a stir. Elsewhere, the King humiliates a suspect noble; (R) Inside Versailles.

11.55 MOTD: Euro 2016 Match Replay. England v Russia. A chance to see in full the opening Group B game of the tournament for both sides, which took place at the Stade Velodrome in Marseille.

1.35 Film: Junkhearts. (2011) **3.10** This Is BBC Two. **5.30** Great British Garden Revival. (R)

ITV

6.00 CITV: The Aquabats! Super Show! **6.20** Pat & Stan. (R) **6.30** Dino Dan. (R) **6.45** Dino Dan. (R) **6.55** Signed Stories: Share a Story. (R) **7.00** Sooty. (R) **7.15** Super 4. (R) **7.30** Nerds & Monsters. (R) **7.45** The Tom & Jerry Show. (R) **8.00** Thunderbirds Are Go. (R) **8.25** ITV News. **8.30** Weekend. **9.25** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **10.20** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **11.20** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) **12.25** ITV News: Weather. **12.35** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) **1.40** Planet's Got Talent. (R) **2.10 Film:** Death on the Nile. (1978) Agatha Christie mystery, with Peter Ustinov. **4.55 Film:** Cats & Dogs. (2001) Comedy, starring Jeff Goldblum.

6.30 Regional Programme; Weather.

6.45 ITV News: Weather.

7.00 Euro 2016. England v Russia (Kick-off 8.00pm). All the action from the opening Group B game of the tournament for both sides, which takes place at the Stade Velodrome in Marseille. Roy Hodgson's England come into this competition on the back of a perfect qualification campaign. The Three Lions won all 10 of their games to progress to the finals with relative ease, and captain Wayne Rooney broke the goalscoring record for his country along the way when he scored a penalty against Switzerland at Wembley to surpass Bobby Charlton's record of 49, which had stood for more than 45 years. By contrast, Russia squeezed through as runners-up in Group G, finishing eight points behind the impressive Austrians. Former England boss Fabio Capello was sacked as manager midway through their campaign after a slow start – replacement Leonid Slutsky won all four of his games in charge to lead the Russians to their fifth European Championship finals since the break-up of the Soviet Union. Presented by Mark Pougatch, with commentary by Clive Tyldesley and Glenn Hoddle, and analysis by Lee Dixon, Ian Wright and Peter Crouch.

10.30 ITV News: Weather.

10.45 Secrets of Growing Up. Revealing the surprising secrets of growing up. (R)

11.45 Film: Carry On Loving. (1970) Comedy, starring Sid James and Hattie Jacques.

1.20 Jackpot247. **3.00** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **3.50** ITV Nightscreen.

CHANNEL 4

6.10 The King of Queens. (R) **6.35** Motor Sport: 2016 FIA World Endurance Championship. **7.00** Motor Sport: Mobil 1 The Grid. **7.30** Motor Sport: Caterham Motorsport. **8.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **9.00** The Morning Line. **10.00** Frasier. (R) **10.30** Frasier. (R) **11.00** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **11.30** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.00** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.25** The Simpsons. (R) **1.00** The Simpsons. (R) **1.30** Channel 4 Racing. Live coverage from York, Sandown Park and Musselburgh. **4.00** A Place in the Sun: Summer Sun. **5.00** Homes by the Med.

6.00 Channel 4 News.

6.20 Film: Titanic. (1997) A party of explorers studying the sunken remains of the famous liner meets with a passenger on the ill-fated maiden voyage. She recounts how she boarded the ship while on the brink of being forced into marriage by her family, and was stopped from killing herself by a penniless artist. She fell in love with her saviour, but the disaster on the horizon meant their time together was doomed to be short. James Cameron's Oscar-winning romantic drama, starring Kate Winslet, Leonardo DiCaprio, Billy Zane, Kathy Bates and Bill Paxton. Edited for language and violence.

10.00 Formula 1: Canada Grand Prix Qualifying Highlights. Action from Montreal, where the grid positions for the seventh round of the season were decided at the Circuit Gilles-Villeneuve.

11.35 Film: Zombieland. (2009) A mutated virus sweeps across America, turning most of the population into hideous flesh-eating zombies. A hard-drinking fearless adventurer leads a small band of young survivors on a perilous journey through the wasteland in search of a safe haven. Comedy horror, with Woody Harrison, Jesse Eisenberg, Emma Stone and Abigail Breslin.

1.10 Film: Drug War. (2012) A drug dealer facing execution tries to save his own skin by helping undercover police officers to infiltrate a crime syndicate. Gangster thriller, with Louis Koo and Ka Tung Lam. **3.00** Hollyoaks. Omnibus. Ste confesses he nearly gave in to drink again. (R) **5.10** The Food Chain. (R) **5.35** Draw It! (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! **8.55** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. (R) **9.30** The Saturday Show: Royal Special. **11.30** Funniest Fails, Fails & Flops. (R) **12.00** Now That's Funny! (R) **1.00** The Royals: A Right Royal Wedding. **2.00** Secrets of the Palace Pets. (R) **3.00** Inside Buckingham Palace. (R) **4.00** Inside Buckingham Palace. (R) **5.00** Inside Buckingham Palace: The Queen's Worst Year. (R) **6.00 Elizabeth II: 90 Glorious Years.** Documentary looking back at the reign of Her Majesty the Queen, as she celebrates her 90th birthday. Featuring archive footage and interviews with those who have known, worked for and observed her closely. (R)

7.00 Cricket on 5. England v Sri Lanka. Highlights of the third day of the Third Test at Lord's, where the final match of the series continued. Presented by Mark Nicholas, who also commentates alongside Michael Vaughan, Geoffrey Boycott, and Simon Hughes.

8.00 5 News Weekend.

8.20 NCIS: Los Angeles. Callen and Sam meet up with former colleague Mike Renko, who is back in town on the trail of a civilian militia he thinks is responsible for the theft of anti-tank missiles from a Navy base. Their discussion is interrupted by Hetty with footage of a man being strangled at an aquarium – and the victim is identified as a lance corporal who was Renko's inside man at the group. (R)

9.05 NCIS. An investigation into the murder of a US Navy lieutenant reveals that a rare painting loaned to the scene of the crime is actually a fake. Luckily for the agents, Tony's con-artist father has returned to town, having broken up with Linda, and is on hand to provide expert advice as the hunt for the killer takes them into the shady world of the black market. Guest starring Robert Wagner.

10.00 Big Brother. Catching up with the Big Brother contestants as they react to Friday night's live eviction, revealing how another departure has affected the rest of the house.

11.00 The Funny Side of Kids.

12.00 SuperCasino. Live interactive gaming. **3.10** Big Brother. Daily round-up of highlights. (R) **4.00** GPs: Behind Closed Doors. (R) **4.50** Divine Designs. (R) **5.20** House Doctor. (R) **5.45** Angels of Jarm. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Four
7.00 Natural World **8.00** O-Day: The Last Heroes **9.00** The Disappearance **10.45** Great Guitar Riffs at the BBC **11.45** Guitar Heroes at the BBC **12.45** Van Morrison – Up on Cyprus Avenue **1.45** Top of the Pops: 1981 **2.55** Great Guitar Riffs at the BBC **3.55** Close

ITV2
11.05 Catchphrase **11.50** Ninja Warrior UK **12.45** The Cube: Celebrity Special **1.45** Film: Sweet November (2001) **2.45** FYI Daily **2.50** Film: Sweet November (2001) **4.05** Film: Nancy Drew (2007) **5.05** FYI Daily **5.10** Film: Nancy Drew (2007) **6.05** Film: The Bachelor (1999) **7.05** FYI Daily **7.10** Film: The Bachelor (1999) **8.05** Film: Wild Child (2008) **9.05** FYI Daily **9.10** Film: Wild Child (2008) **10.00** Love Island **11.00** Family Guy **12.30** American Dad! **1.25** The Cleveland Show **2.15** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **2.40** The Hot Desk: Caroline Flack **2.50** Teleshopping **5.50** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3
12.40 Agatha Christie's Marple **2.40** Foyle's War **4.45** Midsomer Murders **6.55** Doc Martin **8.00** Foyle's War **10.00** Colditz **12.00** Bouquet of Barbed Wire **1.00** Northern Lights **2.00** ITV3 Nightscreen **2.30** Teleshopping

ITV4
11.20 TT 2016: Hutchy Miracle Man **12.20** TT 2016: Senior TT **1.25** British Touring Car Championship Highlights **3.00** Cycling: Criterium du Dauphine Live. Coverage of the sixth stage of the UCI World Tour race. **4.45** World Cup Top Goalscorers **5.00** Prawn Stars **6.00** The Chase: Celebrity Special **7.00** Cycling: Criterium du Dauphine Highlights **8.00** Film: Smokey and the Bandit (1977) **9.10** FYI Daily **9.15** Film: Smokey and the Bandit (1977) **10.00** Prawn Stars **10.30** TT 2016: Sidecar TT Race **2.11.30** Film: Maximum Conviction (2012) **12.35** FYI Daily **12.40** Film: Maximum Conviction (2012) **1.40** TT 2016: Sidecar TT Race **2.30** Highway Patrol **2.50** ITV4 Nightscreen **3.00** Teleshopping

E4
5.00 The Big Bang Theory **11.00** Gogglebox **12.40** Rude Tube: Animal Madness **1.40** The Inbetweeners **2.45** Gogglebox **3.25** Jane the Virgin **Film4**
11.00 Dark Waters (1944) **1.00** Vice Versa (1988) **2.55** The Addams Family (1991) **4.55** Addams Family Values (1993) **6.40** Iron Man (2008) **9.00** Die Hard (1988) **11.40** The Football Factory (2004) **1.30** R100 (2013) **3.40** Close

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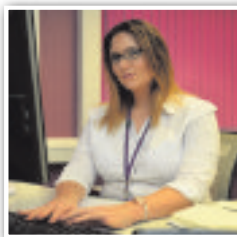
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CHOICE



Angel and Dick

Escape to the Chateau (Channel 4, 7pm)
Dick and Angel decide they will live as self-sufficiently as they can while restoring the chateau, and invest in some chickens to provide them with eggs for breakfast every morning. However, they still have countless problems to deal with, and have only £20,000 left to spend on the project. The chateau is still without either heating or water, while the 59 windows are crumbling. While Dick's renovations fall behind schedule, Angel is in her element coming up with ideas for what the finished building will look like.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. 9.00 The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** The Big Questions. **11.00** Regional Programme. **12.25** BBC News; Weather. **12.40** Songs of Praise. **1.15** The Queen's 90th Birthday: The Patron's Lunch. **4.15** MOTD: Euro 2016 Live. Poland v Northern Ireland (Kick-off 5.00pm). Gary Lineker presents coverage of the opening match in Group C, as the teams face each other at the Stade de Nice. **7.10** BBC News. **7.25** Regional Programme. **7.35** MOTD: Euro 2016 Live. Germany v Ukraine (Kick-off 8.00pm). Gary Lineker presents coverage of the opening match in Group C for both teams, which takes place at the Stade Pierre-Mauroy in Lille. This will be just the sixth overall meeting between these nations, and the first at a major tournament, and the Ukrainians will be chasing their maiden victory over the reigning world champions. Following their triumph in Brazil, Joachim Loew's men got off to a rocky start in the qualifying campaign, but eventually went on to top a group that also contained Republic of Ireland and Scotland, and they will be considered among the favourites to lift the trophy in France, and claim it for the fourth time. Their opponents are appearing at a European Championships for just the second time, with the first coming four years ago when they served as co-hosts alongside Poland, although it is worth noting that they have only been eligible as a nation since 1996, having formerly been a part of the Soviet Union. With commentary by Jonathan Pearce and Danny Murphy, and analysis by Thierry Henry and Alan Shearer. **10.05** BBC News. **10.25** Regional Programme. **10.35** Regional Programme. **11.15** Live at the Apollo. Dara O Briain warms up the crowd before introducing stand-up routines by ventriloquist extraordinaire Nina Conti and Danny Bhoj. (R) **12.00** Film: A Walk to Remember. (2002) A cocky teenage boy falls for a minister's sensible daughter while tutoring younger students as part of his community service. Romantic drama, starring Mandy Moore and Shane West. **1.35** Weather for the Week Ahead. **1.40** BBC News.

BBC2

6.30 This Farming Life. (R) **7.30** Gardeners' World. (R) **8.00** Countryfile. (R) **9.00** The Beechgrove Garden. **9.30** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **11.00** The Hairy Bikers' Asian Adventure. (R) **11.30** Tom Kerridge's Proper Pub Food. (R) **12.00** Escape to the Country. (R) **12.45** Live Triathlon. The ITU World Series meeting from Leeds. **6.00** The Queen's 90th Birthday: Highlights. Memorable moments from the weekend's events, which started on Friday with a National Service of Thanksgiving at St Paul's Cathedral and included the Trooping the Colour ceremony and a Patron's Lunch at St James's Park. **7.00** Dara and Ed's Great Big Adventure. The duo travel through Guatemala, El Salvador and Nicaragua, paying their respects to Mayan deity Maximon and scaling the active volcano Pacaya along the way. (R) **8.00** Top Gear. Chris Evans and Sabine Schmitz test drive the new Audi R8, Matt LeBlanc takes a tour of London, and boxer Anthony Joshua and comedian Kevin Hart are the Stars in a Rally Cross Car. **9.00** City in the Sky. Dallas Campbell and Dr Hannah Fry examine the advanced technology needed to ensure the safety of the one million people estimated to be travelling by plane at any given time. **10.00** Mock the Week. Guests Gary Delaney, Ed Gamble, Nish Kumar, Tiff Stevenson and Josh Widdicombe join host Dara O Briain and regular Hugh Dennis. (R) **10.35** Stupid Man, Smart Phone. Russell Kane is joined by internet celebrity Maggi Maz, and together they are pursued across Poland by guard dogs, with only their phones to help them avoid capture. **11.20** Flat TV. The flatmates are locked out, but while Tom wants to get back in, Naz sees an opportunity to be free of his friend's domestic tyranny. **11.45** The Millionaire's Holiday Club. Inside the world of high-end luxury holidays, tailored for some of the UK's wealthiest jet-setters, from a £40,000 a week trip to Seychelles to a night in Mustique for £2,000. (R) **12.45** MOTD: Euro 2016 Match Replay. **2.25** Sign Zone: Countryfile. (R) **3.25** Holby City. (R) **4.25** Life in Debt Valley. (R) **5.20** This is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: The Aquabats! Super Show! **6.20** Pat & Stan. (R) **6.30** Dino Dan. (R) **6.45** Dino Dan. (R) **6.55** Signed Stories: Share a Story. (R) **7.00** Sooty. (R) **7.15** Super 4. (R) **7.30** Nerds & Monsters. (R) **7.45** The Tom & Jerry Show. (R) **8.00** Teen Titans Go! (R) **8.25** ITV News. **8.30** Weekend. **9.25** Griff's Great Britain. (R) **10.00** Peston on Sunday. **10.55** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. **11.50** ITV News: Weather. **11.55** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) **1.00** Euro 2016. Turkey v Croatia (Kick-off 2.00pm). **4.30** Midsomer Murders. (R) **6.25** Regional Programme; Weather. **6.40** ITV News: Weather. **7.00** Emmerdale. Bernice turns to Andy for solace after he takes the blame for the damage she has caused. Holly goes into town, leaving Maura terrified she will spend her wages on heroin. **7.30** Coronation Street. Tracy accuses Steve and Michelle of making Amy feel unwanted, while Billy is shocked when Sean dumps him. At the bistro, Leanne defends Nick from Robert when he makes a scene, and Sally is horrified to find her conservatory swimming in beer. **8.30** Vera. Return of the crime drama starring Brenda Blethyn. The detective investigates a fire that rips through a holiday park on the Northumberland coast, destroying three cabins. A young woman's body is discovered and the resort's owner, Jim Viner, fears the victim is his sister Deena when he returns from a weekend away with his daughter Clare. With Jim's suspicions confirmed, a police report then reveals Clare's boyfriend Ryan and his friends had been partying near the scene hours before the blaze started, but where are they now, and where is Deena's best friend Sally? Co-starring Kenny Doughty, Cush Jumbo and Jon Morrison. (R) **10.30** ITV News: Weather. **10.45** Euro 2016 Highlights. Jacqui Oatley presents action from the latest three matches in France, featuring Poland v Northern Ireland, Germany v Ukraine and Turkey v Croatia. **11.45** Peston on Sunday. Political magazine. (R) **12.40** Jackpot247. **3.00** Motorsport UK. **3.50** ITV Nightscreen. **5.05** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R)

CHANNEL 4

6.00 Salvage SOS. **6.25** Salvage SOS. **6.50** Salvage SOS. **7.10** The King of Queens. (R) **7.35** The King of Queens. (R) **8.00** Frasier. (R) **8.30** Frasier. (R) **9.00** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Sunday Brunch. **12.30** The Extreme Cake Makers. **1.00** Film: Step Up 4: Miami Heat. (2012) Dance drama sequel, starring Kathryn McCormick. **2.55** Location, Location, Location. (R) **4.00** A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun. Scarlett Douglas helps a couple preparing for retirement to find a new home in Tobago, an island they have visited annually for the past 20 years. **5.00** Film: Aladdin. (1992) A street urchin happens across a magical lamp, home to a genie with the ability to grant wishes. Disney animated adventure, with the voices of Robin Williams and Scott Weinger. **6.45** Channel 4 News. **7.00** Escape to the Chateau. Dick and Angel try to live self-sufficiently, and invest in some chickens to provide them with eggs. However, they are still without heat and water and the 59 windows are crumbling. **8.00** Penelope Keith at Her Majesty's Service. The actress visits the Queen's official Scottish residence, the Palace of Holyroodhouse, and explores the bad chamber once occupied by Mary, Queen of Scots. She also boards the royal yacht Britannia and visits Inveraray Castle, where she meets the Master of the Royal Household of Scotland. At Borthwick Castle in Midlothian, she gets a lesson in archery and talks to the Royal Falconer. **9.00** Interview with a Murderer. Criminologist Professor David Wilson talks to convicted murderer Bert Spencer, who served 15 years in prison for shooting a man. He has long been suspected of also killing paperboy Carl Bridgewater in 1978, a crime that four men were falsely imprisoned for, but has always protested his innocence of that crime. The programme re-examines the evidence surrounding both cases. **10.30** Formula 1: Canadian Grand Prix Highlights. **12.35** Grand Prix: The Killer Years. The dangers of Formula One during the 1960s and 70s. (R) **1.30** Multi-Million Pound Properties. (R) **2.25** Come Dine with Me. (R) **4.40** Draw It! (R) **5.05** Posh Pawnbrokers. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. **6.05** Toby's Travelling Circus. (R) **6.15** Angelina Ballerina. (R) **6.30** Bob the Builder. (R) **6.40** Wanda and the Alien. (R) **6.50** Zack and Quack. (R) **7.05** Pets. (R) **7.10** Noddy in Toyland. (R) **7.20** Pat Patrol. (R) **7.35** Little Princess. (R) **7.45** Pip Ahoy! (R) **8.05** Blaze and the Monster Machines. (R) **8.30** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **8.45** Shimmer and Shine. **9.10** Jelly Jamm. (R) **9.30** LazyTown. (R) **9.55** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. (R) **10.30** Funniest Fails, Falls & Flips. (R) **10.55** Police Interceptors. (R) **11.55** Police Interceptors. (R) **12.55** Police Interceptors. (R) **1.55** Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away. (R) **2.50** Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away: Final Demand Special. (R) **3.50** Can't Pay Special: Secrets & Lies. (R) **4.50** Film: Mrs Caldicot's Cabbage War. (2002) Comedy drama, starring Pauline Collins. **6.50** 5 News Weekend. **7.00** Cricket on 5. England v Sri Lanka. Highlights of the fourth day of the Third Test at Lords, where the final match of the series continued. Presented by Mark Nicholas, who also commentates alongside Michael Vaughan, Geoffrey Boycott, and Simon Hughes. **8.00** Now That's Funny! Featuring a bodybuilder reciting Shakespeare while lifting weights, a selection of videos featuring couples couples, and footage of a penguin that has inspired 15 jokes. Plus, the latest Stars of the Week. **9.00** Big Brother. Daily round-up of highlights, revealing how the housemates are getting on under the all-seeing eye of Big Brother, featuring the latest tasks, games, arguments, laughs, diary room visits and bedroom chit-chat. Narrated by Marcus Bentley. **10.00** Most Shocking Moments in Pop 2. Celebrating outrageous events from the world of pop music, including Grace Jones hitting Russell Hardy on his chat show, and George Michael's dubious driving. (R) **12.45** Lip Sync Battle. Justin Bieber takes on Deion Sanders. (R) **1.10** SuperCasino. Viewers get the chance to take part in live interactive gaming, with a mix of roulette-wheel spins and lively chat from the presenting team. **3.10** GP's: Behind Closed Doors. A doctor sees a smoker who has developed a chronic lung condition. (R) **4.00** Fire Starter: Caught in the Act. (R) **4.50** Nick's Quest. (R) **5.45** Angels of Jarm. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Four
7.00 Pappano's Italian Double Bill at the Royal Opera House **9.40** Planet Earth **10.00** The Sky at Night **10.30** The Lance Armstrong Story - Stop at Nothing: Storyville **12.10** Wonders of the Universe **1.10** Horizon: Man on Mars - Mission to the Red Planet **2.10** Rise of the Continents **3.10** Natural World **3.55** Close

ITV2
11.35 Take Me Out **12.50** Love Island **1.20** Catchphrase **2.05** Film: Must Love Dogs (2005) **3.05** FYI Daily **3.10** Film: Must Love Dogs (2005) **4.10** Film: Back to the Future Part II (1989) **5.00** FYI Daily **5.05** Film: Back to the Future Part II (1989) **6.10** Film: Hotel Transylvania (2012) **7.10** FYI Daily **7.15** Film: Hotel Transylvania (2012) **8.00** Educating Joey Essex **9.00** Love Island **10.00** Family Guy **11.30** American Dad! **12.30** The Cleveland Show **1.25** Educating Joey Essex **2.20** Teleshopping **5.50** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3
3.50 Film: Columbo: Identity Crisis (1975) **5.55** Our Queen at 90 **8.00** The Queen's 90th Birthday Celebration **10.55** Film: Closing the Ring (2007) **1.15** FYI Daily **12.00** Film: Closing the Ring (2007) **1.10** A Touch of Frost **3.00** May the Best House Win **4.40** On the Buses **5.10** Judge Judy **5.50** ITV3 Nightscreen

ITV4
11.25 TT 2016: Sidecar TT Race **12.30** Cycling: Critérium du Dauphine Live. **2.15** Snooker v Darts **2.25** Pawn Stars **4.15** Film: Gunsunko (1953) **5.15** FYI Daily **5.20** Film: Gunsunko (1953) **5.55** The Wine Show **7.00** Cycling: Critérium du Dauphine Highlights **8.00** Film: Police Academy 7: Mission to Moscow (1994) **9.05** FYI Daily **9.10** Film: Police Academy 7: Mission to Moscow (1994) **9.45** Movies Now **10.00** Film: First Blood (1982) **11.00** FYI Daily **11.05** Film: First Blood (1982) **11.50** Film: From Dusk Till Dawn (1996) **12.55** FYI Daily **1.00** Film: From Dusk Till Dawn (1996)

E4
12.00 Made in Chelsea **1.00** Rude(ish) Tube Shorts **1.20** The Goldbergs **2.20** The Big Bang Theory **7.20** Film: The Twilight Saga: New Moon (2009) **10.00** Film: Predators (2010) **12.10** The Inbetweeners **1.20** Gogglebox

Film4
1.10 Underbirds (2004) **2.55** Carry On Dick (1974) **4.45** The Spy Next Door (2010) **6.35** Vertical Limit (2000) **9.00** Fantastic Four (2005) **11.05** Powder Room (2013) **12.45** Silver Linings Playbook (2012) **3.15** Close

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FILM CHOICES

MONDAY
A Sister's Nightmare, Channel 5, 3.15pm
A police officer's life is turned on its head when her sister shows up at her door after 16 years of confinement in a psychiatric hospital. Drama, starring Natasha Henstridge and Kelly Rutherford. (2013)

TUESDAY
Columbo: Lady in Waiting, ITV, 11.40pm
A desperate woman is determined to rid herself of her domineering brother and gain control of the family business, so hatches a plan to shoot him and claim she thought he was a burglar. Although her plan seems to have worked, her new-found power goes to her head – and she also has to contend with Columbo, who is convinced of her guilt. Crime drama, starring Peter Falk. (1971)

WEDNESDAY
Lost Letter Mysteries: From Paris with Love, Channel 5, 3.15pm
The postal detectives explore the mystery of true love when they deliver divorce papers to one couple on the same day as Oliver's missing wife reappears. Drama, starring Eric Mabius and Crystal Lowe. (2015)



Red Heat, Friday, ITV, 11.05pm

THURSDAY
Like Mother, Like Daughter, Channel 5, 3.15pm
A distraught mother takes matters into her own hands when her teenage daughter goes missing and decides to investigate the case herself. She finds a supportive ally in the girl's college professor, but does not realise he is actually the man who murdered her. Thriller, starring Michelle Stafford, William R Moses and Danielle Kind. (2007)

FRIDAY
Red Heat, ITV, 11.05pm
A Russian detective travels to America to oversee the extradition of a Georgian drug baron responsible for supplying cocaine in Moscow. He is teamed up with a hostile Chicago cop, but when their prisoner kills an officer and escapes, they put aside their mutual mistrust to bring him to justice. Action thriller, starring Arnold Schwarzenegger, James Belushi, Peter Boyle, Laurence Fishburne and Ed O'Ross. (1988)

A Strange end to the season is in store

Fans of the Dark Knight have been rather spoiled this year as Bruce Wayne and his associates dominated the big and small screens. Obviously there's little chance of the pointy eared sleuth showing up in Gotham: Wrath of the Villains as it takes place before Wayne donned that iconic cowl, but he did get the chance to clash with fellow superhero the Man of Steel in one of the year's most talked about films.

Okay, it may not have been a flop of Batman and Robin-style proportions, but Warner Bros' tentpole epic Batman vs Superman: Dawn of Justice received a savaging from many critics. Jessie Eisenberg's cringeworthy performance as Lex Luthor, and Wonder Woman sat at a laptop watching trailers for other pending DC Comics-inspired movies such as Aquaman were two of the many problems that led to it underperforming with a \$900million gross.

Not a bad haul by anyone's reckoning, but when you take into account the fact it cost \$250million and needed to gross around \$600million to break even, Warner bosses were left green with envy when Captain America: Civil War (which had the same price tag) romped away with more than \$1.1billion.

The clash between Marvel and DC movies has been going on for some years now, and for film fans sometimes proves more fascinating than the flicks themselves.

However, on the small screen DC characters have a better footing with hits such as The Flash, Arrow, Supergirl, Legends of Tomorrow, and this Batman prequel leaving followers hungry for more.

Naturally as this is the series finale, showrunner Bruno Heller has saved a chunk of change to ensure the latest run goes out with a bang.

Trapped inside Professor Hugo Strange's secret monster-making laboratory with a ticking bomb, detective Jim Gordon has to deal with a shape-shifting imposter, while Bruce Wayne and Lucius Fox have to contend with Edward Nygma, aka The Riddler.

In case you're wondering, that's not the same Strange which will be played by Benedict Cumberbatch in upcoming movie Doctor Strange, but a character who has been around since 1940 and became one of the Dark Knight's first recurring characters.

TV fans may recall seeing him in excellent 1990s saga Batman: The Animated Series, and assorted other shows and video games before Jurassic World's BD Wong took on the role in season two of Gotham.

Wong made history as the first actor to play Strange in a live action capacity. Now, with director and star Ben Affleck lined up to make the next Batman movie, and the fact that many villains have been exploited in the nine Dark Knight movies to date (yes, that includes the 1966 camp classic and BVS: DOJ), Hugo stands a good chance of returning for Battlefleck's pending epic.

For now, settle back and enjoy as Ben McKenzie (James Gordon), David Mazouz (Bruce Wayne), Cory Michael Smith (Edward 'Riddler' Nygma) and Jada Pinkett Smith (Fish Mooney) breathe life into Bob Kane's universe.



Gotham: Wrath of the Villains – Season Finale, Monday, Channel 5, 10pm

BEST OF THE REST

MONDAY
Rubbish – Battle of the Bins: Tonight, ITV, 8pm
There was a time when you would throw your empty cans, cereal boxes and plastic milk bottles in the bin, leave it for the rubbish men and they would pick it up once a week. But then everything changed, and suddenly millions had to divide household waste up into different coloured bins and figure out what was being collected on which day. Which might be why for the first time in 10 years the recycling rates are falling, an intriguing statistic as the UK produces millions of tons of waste each year. With some councils reducing bin sizes and collecting rubbish less often, Jonathan Maitland assesses the facts and reports on the potential impact this could have on Britain's streets and the environment.

TUESDAY
Britain & Europe: The Immigration Question, BBC2, 9pm
With the EU Referendum approaching next week, Mishal Husain offers viewers an impartial insight into the effects of migration from other EU countries on the UK. Her report takes in everything from the impact on the British economy and jobs market, through to education, housing and the NHS.

Experts from both sides of the in/out debate share their views on the subject, as Mishal assesses how concepts of national identity and visions of Britain's future look set to dictate how the public will vote on Thursday, June 23.

WEDNESDAY
Your Child In Their Hands: Kids' Hospital, Channel 5, 7pm
Joanna and Gary have an emotional choice to make. Their son needs an operation to repair his cleft lip and palate, but a hole in his heart as a result of premature birth means that surgery is a very dangerous prospect. Meanwhile, Jack and his mum Vicky are hospital regulars. A year ago, Jack had his knee and thigh amputated to remove a malignant tumour, but after just a few months in remission, Jack's cancer has returned. The hours after school are the busiest times in Royal Manchester Children's Hospital's A&E department, and an 11-year-old girl is on her way in. She has fallen from a climbing frame and suffered a severe blow to the head, an experience which makes her mum re-evaluate her life.



Britain & Europe: The Immigration Question, Tuesday, BBC2, 9pm

THURSDAY
The New Gypsy Kings, BBC2, 9pm
No, this is not a film about a tribute act singing Bamboleo. Instead it's a look at the latest trend in Gypsy music that is sweeping across Romania. As the majority of Romanian's Roma live below the poverty line, music has long been seen as a passport to riches, with some traditional Gypsy bands gaining international fame. However, the genre has given rise to Manele, a new of type of music with a different sound and the chance to make even more cash, mixing contemporary pop with traditional Romanian Gypsy folk music. Though its stars live luxurious lifestyles, earning up to 20,000 Euros a night, Manele has been described as the Gypsy version of gangster rap and its biggest stars have had connections to

some of the country's most notorious underworld figures. Filmmaker Liviu Tipurita takes a closer look at this controversial craze.

FRIDAY
Gogglesprogs, Channel 4, 8pm
New series. Following on from a pilot edition shown last Christmas, the Gogglesprogs return for a six-part run in which they maintain a close eye on a range of TV output, from entertainment shows and documentaries to some all-time classic films and up-to-the-minute news stories. Participants include six-year-old Molly and her eight-year-old brother William who both love helping out on the family farm, Stephanie who adores Justin Bieber and her friend Christina who prefers classical music, and schoolmates Jacob and Connor. In this opening programme, the youngsters offer their honest, inimitable and ultimately hilarious take on The Undateables, Donald Trump and Mamma Mia.

Eurotrash, Channel 4, 9pm
A special edition of the cult hit show reminding viewers of the many, varied and occasionally alarming cultural delights enjoyed by their European cousins.

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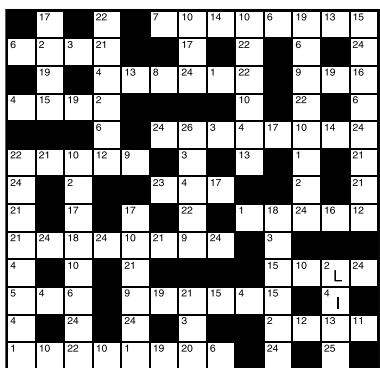
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BRAIN GYM

Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
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Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid

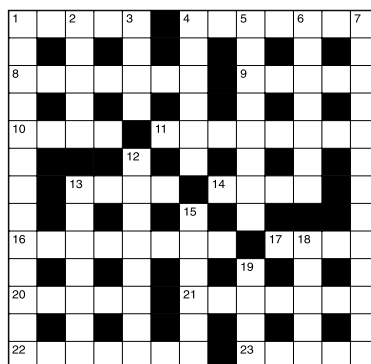
Cryptic Clues:

Across

1. Habit makes us grow old (5)
4. A match for the devil (7)
8. Just a moment! (7)
9. Not standing for falsehoods? (5)
10. Puts away in great style (4)
11. Apparently is not to be satisfied with just part, nevertheless (5,3)
13. They secure no decisions on the field (4)
14. The staff came to be disorganised (4)
16. Why we consult reference books, of course (2,2,4)
17. Domesticated, thanks to me! (4)
20. Prize awarded for a zero mark? (5)
21. It's not being a great performer in heavy going (7)
22. Sew lots, perhaps, but be the last to finish (7)
23. It's made to measure (5)

Down

1. One girl is not changed for an international body (6,7)
2. Tessa came up with something useful (5)
3. Made up cheese (4)
4. Fired, yet treated leniently (3,3)
5. This way won't get you anywhere (3-2-3)
6. Equipment in what must be a warship (7)
7. He takes each issue as it comes (7,6)
12. Let's out that the radio's a gift (4,4)
13. There's no smoke without it! (7)
15. Speedy help for a forgetful actor (6)
18. Be of service when a few grow sick (5)
19. Sure to upset an employer (4)



Quick Clues:

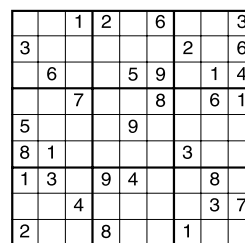
Across

1. Fear (5)
4. Betoken (7)
8. Hide (7)
9. Rank (5)
10. Sole (4)
11. Mockery (8)
13. Forehead (4)
14. Yield (4)
16. Last (8)
17. Head (4)
20. Intellect (5)
21. Obscure (7)
22. Implore (7)
23. Hail (5)

Down

1. Shameful (13)
2. Surpass (5)
3. Act (4)
4. Like better (6)
5. Recipient (8)
6. Scrutinize (7)
7. Separation (13)
12. Start (8)
13. Clamorous (7)
15. Climb (6)
18. Sufficient (5)
19. Droop (4)

Sudoku



Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9

LAST WEEK'S

4	3	2	7	8	1	5	9
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6	9	3	1	7	5	8	2
5	4	7	8	2	6	3	1
2	8	1	4	9	3	6	5

LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS:
 CRYPTIC - Across: 3 Pikefast; 8 Once; 9 Retailing; 10 Bedlam; 11 Stand; 14 Lures; 15 Tear; 16 Emits; 18 Sups; 20 Tools; 21 Spray; 24 Rising; 25 Front door; 26 Lean; 27 Ballerina. Down: 1 Doubtless; 2 Acid drops; 4 Item; 5 Exact; 6 Talent; 7 Fine; 9 Raise; 10 Slimy; 12 Deposited; 13 Press gang; 17 Quick; 19 Spinal; 22 Adder; 23 Pore; 24 Reel. CLASIC - Across: 3 Ascertain; 4 Read; 9 Contended; 10 Callow; 11 Brief; 14 Pupil; 15 Rate; 16 Slain; 18 Corn; 20 Onset; 21 Salad; 24 Lethal; 25 Delighted; 26 Fort; 27 Governance. Down: 1 Precipice; 2 Callipers; 4 Slow; 5 Enter; 6 Tender; 7 Idea; 9 Coils; 11 Brand; 12 Falsehood; 13 Ventilator; 17 Noted; 19 Native; 22 Ashen; 23 Nero; 24 Less.

Thinking space

Quiz

1. Who wrote a trilogy of books featuring the spy Bernard Samson?
2. Of which fruit is the plantain a subspecies?
3. From which football club did Billy Bonds claim he was forced out after 27 years?
4. Between which two countries was the former kingdom of Navarre divided?
5. Of which county is Parts of Holland a former separate administrative county?
6. Who wrote the cantata Carmina Burana?
7. From which tree is gum arabic obtained?
8. In which country is the province Friesland?
9. Who was the first Irish athlete ever to win a gold medal at the European Championship?
10. By what name was Rodrigo Diaz de Vivar better known?

Last week's solutions:

Quiz: 1 Flower arrangement:

2 Linford Christie; 3 Cardinal Wolsey;

4 Patmos; 5 Charlotte Brontë; 6 France;

7 Iron: 8 Relativity: 9 A rodent: 10 Dutch.

Niner: LUCRATIVE

Niner

Each number from 1 to 9 represents a different letter. Solve the clues and insert the letters in the appropriate squares to discover a word which uses all nine letters.

7238 gives an instrument,
5695 gives an opera,
4171 gives a musical piece.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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Centrally placed, this Turkish treasure – Basil of Anatolia

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ONE place that Walsall really lags behind on is its dining scene.

Other than your usual smattering of chain eateries you are hard-pressed to find somewhere centrally that offers up that taste of difference.

So when news filtered through that a new option was coming – and it would have the USP of Turkish food – the town really sat up and took notice.

And having now experienced what Basil of Anatolia has to offer, let's hope it is able to grow and thrive.

From what we witnessed one cool Friday night they deserve to be able to capture their own corner of the market and make a real go of it. And in times of economic hardship it would be ace to have a success story to use as a proverbial two fingers to all the doom-mongers and pessimistic bad news

By Leigh Sanders

merchants. Basil, as the place will from now on affectionately be called, has a central location, round the corner from the library, nestled on Freer Street.

Of course the downside can be the difficulty to park. But given most of the surrounding council-owned car parks are free after 6pm you can leave your vehicle in the one just off Lichfield Street and it's only a short stroll away.

It has a simple feel, yet is clean and strangely welcoming given the building is just a generic food space – it was Jenny's Restaurant before if that jogs people's memory.

It wasn't busy for a Friday night, sad to see given our earlier hopes that this will be a successful venture. Hopefully this was a glitch the evening we attended and that on

a normal evening, the people of Walsall and beyond are more outgoing.

With near enough the freedom of the venue we picked a table at the back to try and avoid the happy hubbub of a couple of larger groups sitting near the entrance.

Conversation

Everything felt clean and new. One nice touch was each table had the venue's name and logo etched into them.

We were approached quickly. Our server engaged us in conversation straight away. He asked whether we had eaten Turkish food before and our tastes when it came to spices. This is always helpful when trying somewhere new.

We ordered, and were provided with ginormous olives soaked in oils and soft, light chunks of bread that we probably shouldn't have wolfed down so early if we had hoped

to last three courses. For starters I had sucuk – a spicy Turkish sausage. The meat was soft and tender. My friend had the falafel – minced, deep fried balls of chickpeas, fresh vegetables, garlic and sesame seeds served with tangy chutney.

When we dined the place had not yet received its alcohol license so was serving soft drinks only but that will change.

For mains I opted for lamb beyti – lamb mincemeat with garlic and parsley on a skewer.

My flatmate had the chicken shish, chunks of soft and tender chicken in a mildly spiced marinade.

A second bowl of bread was also being wolfed down. This was probably a bad idea, and meant we had no room to brave a dessert afterwards. Lovely food and people, so come on people give it a try.



Chicken shish dish

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There is also a block paved driveway, an integral garage and rear garden.

In more detail the entrance hall has stairs off, tiled flooring, a side storage cupboard and under-stairs storage cupboard. The lounge has a window overlooking the front of the property, ceiling spotlights and laminate flooring.

Reception room two has patio doors to the garden, ceiling spotlights and laminate flooring.

The kitchen/diner has a range of wall and base units, roll top working surfaces, tiled splash-backs, an integrated cooker, gas hob and extractor, tiled flooring, a door to the rear and doors to the integral garage and wet room.

The wet room has tiled walls and flooring, a mains shower and chrome ladder radiator.

On the first floor bedroom one overlooks the frontage and has carpeted flooring.

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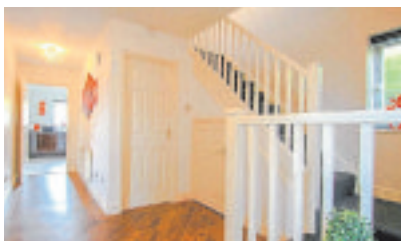


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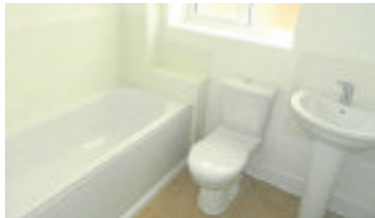
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£165,000

The accommodation further briefly comprises a kitchen with wall and base units, worktops, an integrated cooker, hob and extractor, stainless steel sink and drainer. The property

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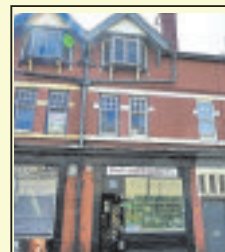
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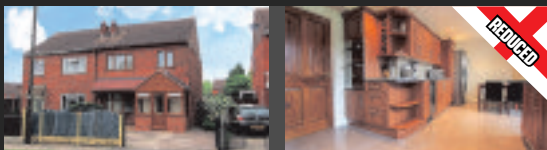
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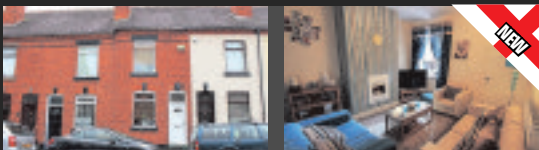
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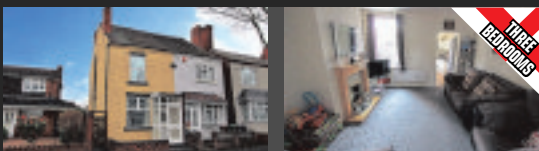
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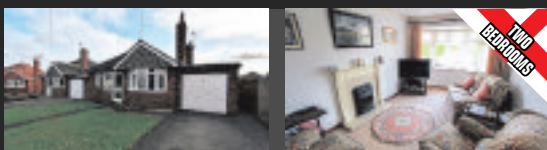
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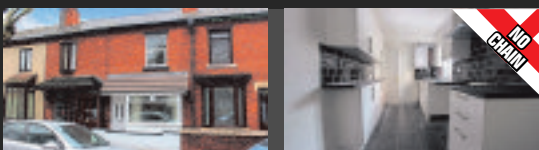
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- GAS CENTRAL HEATING
- UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING
- PLEASANT REAR GARDEN
- OFF ROAD PARKING
- VIEWING RECOMMENDED

£215,000 OFFERS



BLAKENALL LANE, LEAMORE WALSALL

- CONSIDERABLY IMPROVED TERRACE
- IDEAL FIRST TIME PURCHASE
- RE-FITTED KITCHEN
- RE-FITTED BATHROOM AND SHOWER ROOM
- THREE BEDROOMS
- TWO RECEPTION ROOMS
- GAS CENTRAL HEATING
- UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING

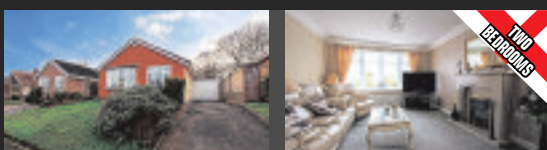
£110,000 Offers



VINCENT STREET WALSALL

- POPULAR LOCATION
- THREE BEDROOMS
- TWO RECEPTION ROOMS
- GAS CENTRAL HEATING
- UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED WINDOWS
- NO ONWARD CHAIN
- VIEWING RECOMMENDED
- GARDEN AT REAR

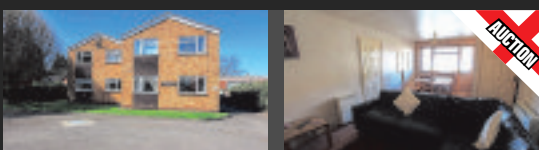
Guide Price £99,950



LYDFORD ROAD, BLOXWICH WALSALL

- MUCH REQUESTED LOCATION
- TWO BEDROOMS
- GAS CENTRAL HEATING
- UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING
- EXCELLENT RE-FITTED SHOWER ROOM
- RE-FITTED KITCHEN WITH OVEN AND HOB
- DETACHED GARAGE AND UTILITY ROOM
- VIEWING RECOMMENDED

£239,995 OFFERS



GREEN LANE, SHELFIELD WALSALL

- AUCTION PROPERTY
- SPACIOUS TWO BEDROOM APARTMENT
- GAS CENTRAL HEATING
- UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING
- GARAGE AT REAR
- NO CHAIN
- VIEWING RECOMMENDED
- COMMUNAL GARDENS

Guide Price £45,000

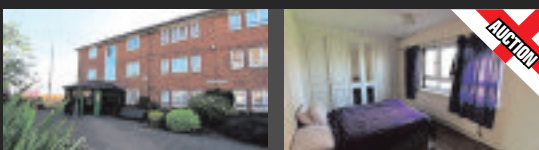


ST. CLEMENTS AVENUE WALSALL

- AUCTION PROPERTY
- FOUR BEDROOMS
- LOUNGE AND DINING KITCHEN
- UPSTAIRS BATHROOM
- GAS CENTRAL HEATING SYSTEM
- UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING
- NO CHAIN
- OFF ROAD PARKING

Guide Price £70,000

Good luck to England at euro 2016



BURROWES STREET WALSALL

- AUCTION PROPERTY
- SPACIOUS TWO BEDROOM APARTMENT
- GAS CENTRAL HEATING
- UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING
- CONVENIENT FOR WALSALL TOWN CENTRE
- NO ONWARD CHAIN
- VIEWING RECOMMENDED
- KITCHEN AND BATHROOM

Guide Price £55,000



SIGNAL GROVE, BLOXWICH WALSALL

- AUCTION PROPERTY
- TWO BEDROOMS
- GAS CENTRAL HEATING
- UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING
- UPSTAIRS BATHROOM
- TWO ALLOCATED PARKING SPACES
- NO ONWARD CHAIN
- SELLING AT AUCTION?? CALL US ON 01922 478104

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Immaculate Family Home On The Sought After "Riverpoint Estate", In A Secluded Cul-de-sac location With Open Views To The Front. Benefiting From Gas Central Heating And Double Glazing. Entrance Hall, Large Lounge, Dining Room Leading Into Kitchen, Master Bedroom With En-suite, Two Further Bedrooms And Family Bathroom. Pleasant Fore And Rear Gardens, Detached Garage And Driveway.

OFFERS AROUND: £180,000

Lakeside Close
Willenhall



REDUCED

Modern 3 bedroom detached house with en-suite to main, 2 reception rooms, downstairs wc, kitchen, main bathroom, garage and driveway, double glazing and central heating, front and rear gardens, with no upward chain, call Paul Dubberley to view. EPC D

OFFERS AROUND: £178,500

Fordbrook Lane
Pelsall




REDUCED

An Extended Three Bedroom Semi Detached Home In The Popular Location Of Pelsall. Benefiting From Gas Central Heating And Double Glazing. The Property Comprises Of: Entrance Porch, Hallway, Lounge Diner, Fitted Kitchen, Side Utility, Three Bedrooms, Family Bathroom And Single Garage. The Property Also Further Benefits From Large Driveway To Fore And Pleasant Rear Garden. EPC -D
VIEWINGS RECOMMENDED!

OFFERS AROUND: £170,000

Stroud Avenue
Willenhall



NEW

Two Bedroom Semi Detached Bungalow. The Property Comprises Of: Entrance Hallway, Lounge, Kitchen, Two Bedrooms And Modern Family Shower Room. The Bungalow Further Benefits From Front And Rear Gardens, Driveway And Single Garage!

OFFERS AROUND: £125,000

Pace Crescent
Bilston



NEW

3 Bedroom end terraced house with no upward chain, black paved driveway, entrance lobby, lounge/diner, kitchen, side passage, bathroom, rear garden, double glazing and central heating, call now to view.

OFFERS AROUND: £99,950

Parkview Road
Bilston



SOLD

LARGE GARDEN 3 Bedroom Semi Detached House, Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen, Main Bathroom, Side Passage with Downstairs wc and Storage, Central Heating and Double Glazing. Driveway Providing Off Road Parking, Large Garden, Call Paul Dubberley on 01902 633323 to View.

OFFERS AROUND: £110,000

Rocket Pool Drive
Bilston



SOLD SUBJECT TO CONTRACT WITHIN 7 DAYS SIMILAR PROPERTIES REQUIRED!! 3 Bedroom terraced property with no upward chain and ready to move straight into, entrance porch and hallway, lounge and dining room, modern kitchen, modern bathroom, good size bedrooms, central heating and double glazing (where specified note we hold a mining report on this property.

OFFERS AROUND: £110,000

Fraser Street
Bilston



NEW PRICE

3 bedroom terraced property, modern kitchen and modern bathroom with a P-shaped bath and thermostatic shower, 2 reception rooms, double glazing and central heating, garden to rear, call now 01902 494966 to view.

OFFERS AROUND: £85,000

Mount Pleasant
Bilston



NEW PRICE

THIS COULD BE YOU Great project or Family house or Multi let property...you decide!! 4 Bedrooms plus an office/nursery, bathroom, 3 reception rooms, downstairs wc, kitchen/diner, loads of potential, no upward chain, call 01902 494966 to view.

OFFERS AROUND: £120,000



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Tarn Close
Wolverhampton



REDUCED

Brand New Build Terraced Property On The "Park Edge" Development By Lioncourt Homes. The Property Comprises Of: Lounge/Diner, Fitted Kitchen, Guest Cloakroom, Two Bedrooms And Family Bathroom. Property Further Benefits From Rear Garden And Off Road Parking.

OFFERS AROUND: £125,000

Hawkswell Drive
Willenhall



REDUCED

Well Presented Two Bedroom Family Home On The Sought After "Hadley Heath" Estate. Benefiting From Double Glazing. The Property Comprises Of: Hall, Lounge, Breakfast Kitchen, 30ft Conservatory To The Side, Two Bedrooms And Family Shower Room. The Property Also Benefits From Driveway, And Large Secluded Rear Garden.

OFFERS AROUND: £119,950

Stowheath Lane
Wolverhampton



Well Presented Two Bedroom Mid Terrace Home With Double Glazing And Gas Central Heating. Briefly Comprising Of: Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Downstairs Bathroom, Two Bedrooms And Enclosed Rear Garden.

VIEWINGS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED! NO CHAIN! EPC D

OFFERS AROUND: £85,000

Keysmith Close
Willenhall



NEW

INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY TWO BEDROOM APARTMENT Located On The First Floor Of This Modern Apartment Block, Which Benefits From Secure Electric Gated Parking And Briefly Comprises Of: Hallway, Lounge Leading Into Kitchen, Two Double Bedrooms, And Family Bathroom. NO CHAIN! VIEWINGS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

OFFERS AROUND: £75,000

Hadley Road
Bilston



NEW

FIRST TO SEE WILL BUY 2 Bedroom detached bungalow ready to move straight in and no upward chain. Entrance porch and hallway, lounge, modern bathroom, modern kitchen/diner, conservatory, double glazing and central heating (both where specified) driveway and garage, front and rear gardens, rear vehicular access, call now to view.

OFFERS AROUND: £125,000

Constantine Way
Bilston



An Immaculate Detached Residence on the popular Bridgefields Estate. Gas Central Heating, UPVC Double Glazing & No Upward Chain. Spacious Family accommodation Briefly Comprising: Reception Hall, Guest Cloakroom, Lounge, Breakfast Kitchen, Conservatory, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Front & Rear Gardens, Driveway & Garage.

ASKING PRICE OF £169,995

Birmingham New Road
Bilston



NEW PRICE

REFURBISHED 2 Bedroom Terraced house, Lounge, Kitchen, Bathroom, Garden, Central Heating, Double Glazed (where specified) and no upward chain, call Bilston 01902 494966

OFFERS AROUND: £90,000

Castleview Road
Bilston



Fantastic opportunity for a First time buyer or investor to purchase this Semi Detached residence. The property which is in need of refurbishment briefly comprises: Porch, Hallway, Lounge, Kitchen, Side Veranda, Three bedrooms, Bathroom, Separate WC and Rear Garden. The property comes with No Upward Chain.

OFFERS AROUND: £90,000

Berrington Drive
Coseley



This is the one Lovely 3 bedroom modern semi detached house in great condition, entrance porch and hallway, modern kitchen and office area/dining area, downstairs wc, conservatory, modern shower room, double glazing and central heating, driveway, garage and garden, call now for details

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WEDNESFIELD BROAD LANE SOUTH

- Stunning And Impeccably Appointed Extensively Improved Detached Bungalow On Premier Road
- Hall, Spacious 27ft Through Lounge
- Superb Kitchen



- Three Excellent Bedrooms
- 2 En-suite Shower Rooms
- Bathroom, Delightful Gardens
- Garage And Extensive Driveway

£365,000



COPPICE FARM HEDDEN GROVE

- Well Appointed Extended Detached Residence
- Hall, Guests Wc
- Three Reception Rooms, Conservatory
- Fitted Kitchen



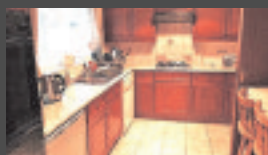
- Four Excellent Bedrooms, Study
- Bathroom, En-suite Shower Room, Garage
- Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing
- Driveway, Gardens

£280,000



WILLENHALL HONEYBOURNE WAY

- Superb Spacious 4 Bedrooms Executive Detached
- Hall, Two Reception Rooms
- Superb Conservatory



- Breakfast Kitchen
- En-suite Shower Rm, Bathroom
- Ample Off Road Parking
- Gardens

£260,000



WILLENHALL RAVENSCROFT ROAD

- Impressive 3 Bedroom Detached
- Lounge
- Dining Room
- Spacious Kitchen/diner



- Utility Room With Wc
- Bathroom, En-suite
- Two Garages
- Large Corner Plot, Gardens

£235,000



WILLENHALL LAKELOT CLOSE

- An Impressive 4 Bed Recently Built Detached
- En-suite, Hall, Two Reception Rooms
- Excellent Breakfast Kitchen



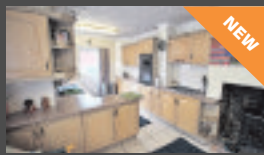
- Family Bathroom
- En-suite
- Garage & Driveway
- Gardens

Offers Over £215,000



WILLENHALL SOMERFORD PLACE

- Deceptively Spacious Edwardian Detached
- Hall, Guests Wc • NHBC Certificate
- Impressive Dining Kitchen
- Shower Room



- Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Rear Gardens
- Shared Driveway, Gas Central Heating System
- Double Glazing

£179,950



WILLENHALL PATTENHAM CLOSE (OFF STROOD AVENUE)

- Outstanding Detached Bungalow
- Popular Location
- Hall, Lounge
- Impressive Re-fitted Kitchen



- Two Double Bedrooms
- Luxury Re-fitted Shower Room
- Block Paved Driveway, Pleasant Gardens
- Gas Central Heating And Double Glazing

OFFERS OVER £170,000



NEW INVENTION SQUIRES GROVE

- Well Presented Modern End Terrace
- Hall, Guests Wc • NHBC Certificate
- Spacious Lounge With Dining Area
- Breakfast Kitchen, Three Bedrooms



- Bathroom, En-suite Shower Room
- Gas CH • Double Glazing
- Two Allocated Parking Spaces
- Gardens • Good School Catchment

OFFERS OVER £140,000



SHORT HEATH TENNYSON ROAD

- Completely Renovated Semi Detached
- Hall, Lounge
- Newly Fitted Dining Kitchen
- Three Good Size Bedrooms



- Newly Fitted Bathroom, Separate Wc
- Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing
- Front And Rear Gardens
- No Upward Chain

£120,000



SHORT HEATH DRYDEN CLOSE

- Greatly Improved End Terrace Property
- Hall, Lounge / Dining Room
- Impressive Re-fitted Kitchen
- Utility



- 3 Bedrooms, Bathroom
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating System
- Front & Rear Gardens

£120,000



WILLENHALL ASHMORE LAKE ROAD

- Well Presented 3 Bedrooms Semi Detached
- Two Reception Rooms
- Fitted Kitchen
- Excellent Bathroom



- Gas CH
- Double Glazing
- Driveway
- Pleasant Rear Gardens

OFFERS OVER £110,000



NEW INVENTION FLETCHER ROAD

- For Sale By Modern Method Of Auction, Starting Bid Price £100,000 Plus Reservation Fee
- Three Bedroom Link Detached House



- Lounge & Dining Room
- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Garage & Driveway

STARTING BID £100,000



NEW INVENTION SQUIRES GROVE

- Spacious Second Floor Apartment In Popular Development
- Hall, Lounge, Fitted Kitchen
- Two Excellent Double Bedrooms



- Bathroom
- En-suite Shower Room
- Double Glazing
- Allocated Parking Space

OFFERS OVER £90,000



SHORT HEATH POOLES LANE

- Period Two Bedroom Mid Terrace Property
- Two Reception Rooms
- Extended Kitchen
- Bathroom



- Double Glazing
- Gas CH
- Pleasant Rear Gardens
- No Chain

OFFERS OVER £90,000



WILLENHALL WELAND GROVE

- Greatly Improved Detached
- Highly Sought After Estate
- Hall, Lounge
- Superb Re-fitted Dining Kitchen



- Three Bedrooms, Re-fitted Bathroom
- Pleasant Gardens, Detached Garage
- Driveway, Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing

£165,000



WILLENHALL SPINDLE TREE RISE

- Superb Three Storey Mid Terrace
- No Chain
- Hall, Lounge
- Kitchen, Conservatory



- Three Bedrooms
- Bathroom, Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating
- Driveway, Rear Gardens

£135,000



WILLENHALL WALSALL ROAD

- Beautifully Presented 2 Bedrooms End Terrace
- Hall, Guests WC
- Lounge, Fitted Kitchen
- Bathroom



- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating
- Rear Gardens
- Garage To The Rear

OFFERS OVER £110,000



BENTLEY POPLAR AVENUE

- Improved Semi Detached
- No Chain
- Lounge • Kitchen
- Double Glazing



- Two Double Bedrooms
- Shower Room
- Gas CH • Driveway
- Gardens

£99,950



BENTLEY POPLAR AVENUE

- Much Improved Spacious First Floor Maisonette
- Hall, Lounge
- Two Excellent Bedrooms



- Re-fitted Kitchen
- Re-fitted Shower Room
- Gardens, Driveway
- Gas CH • Double Glazing

£79,950



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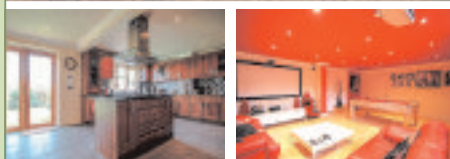
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Park Road, Bloxwich

- Portfolio of 5 Apartments
- Achieving Circa £31,000 P.Annum
- Built in 2008
- Private Secure Car Park
- Close to Bloxwich High Street
- Remaining NHBC Warranty
- 117 Remaining on Lease
- Sought After Location
- Great School Catchment Area
- Viewing Essential!

£550,000



Westhall Gate, Bloxwich

- Exclusive Three Storey Detached
- Four Bedrooms
- Master with En-Suite & Walk in Wardrobe
- Impressive Fitted Kitchen/Diner
- Lounge & Conservatory
- Dining Room
- Office Space
- Cinema/Entertainment Room
- Double Garage
- Private Rear Garden

Offers in Excess of £350,000



The Orchard, Bloxwich

- Sought After Location
- Close to Walsall Academy
- Modern Detached Property
- Corner of the Cul-de-Sac
- Ample Off Road Parking & Garage
- Modernisation Required

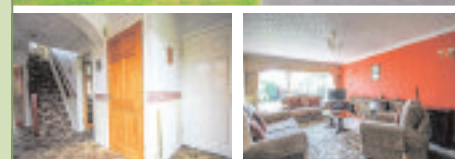
£185,000



Lord Street, Walsall

- No Upward Chain
- Queen Mary's & Blue Coat Schools Nearby
- Several Primary Schools locally
- Two Reception Rooms
- Garage
- Kitchen/Diner

£165,000



Rushall Close, Walsall

- Highly Regarded Location
- Deceptively Spacious Property
- Two Reception Rooms
- Three Double Bedrooms
- Refitted Bathroom
- Garage
- Off Road Parking
- Sun Room
- Front & Rear Gardens
- No Chain

£280,000



Rochester Croft, Reedswood

- No Chain
- Three Bedroom Semi-Detached
- Conservatory
- Off Road Parking
- Private Rear Garden
- Set in the Corner of a Cul-de-Sac
- Easy access to the M6
- Close to Reedswood Retail Park

£120,000



Park Road, Bloxwich

- Contemporary Apartment Block
- Achieving £6600 A.R
- Private Secure Parking
- Security Gated Entrance
- Spacious Second Floor Apartment
- Largest Apartment in Block
- Other Apartments Available
- Sought After Location
- Great School Catchment Area
- Viewing Essential!

£115,000



Waters Keep, Walsall

- Light and Airy Lounge
- Spacious Kitchen / Diner
- Downstairs W.C
- Rear French Doors
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom
- Useful Storage Space
- 10 Year NHBC Warranty

From £114,995



Park Road, Bloxwich

- Contemporary Apartment Block
- Achieving £6300 Annual Rent
- Private Secure Parking
- Security Gated Entrance
- Second Floor Apartment
- Other Apartments Available in the Block

£107,500



Park Road, Bloxwich

- No Upward Chain
- Achieving £6300 Annual Rent
- Ground Floor Apartment
- Two Bedrooms
- En-Suite to Master
- Secure Gated Parking
- Other Apartments Available in the Block
- Sought After Location
- Great School Catchment Area
- Viewing Essential!

£107,500



Park Road, Bloxwich

- Contemporary Apartment Block
- Achieving £5940 A.R
- Private Secure Parking
- Security Gated Entrance
- Ground Floor Apartment
- Other Apartments Available in the Block
- Built in 2008
- Viewing Essential!

£107,500



Hollemeadow Avenue, Bloxwich

- Three Bedroom Semi-Detached
- Lounge
- Fitted Kitchen
- Downstairs W.C.
- Family Bathroom
- Front & Rear Gardens

£100,000



Remington Road, Beechdale

- Ideal Investment Opportunity
- No Chain
- Well Maintained Property
- Some Cosmetic Improvements Required
- Gas Central Heating
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Popular Location
- Excellent First Time Buy
- Sought After Location
- Viewing Essential!

£85,000

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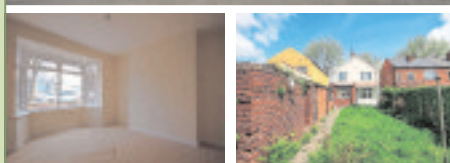
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Sanstone Road, Bloxwich

- NO CHAIN
- SOUGHT AFTER LOCATION
- SCOPE TO IMPROVE/EXTEND
- IN NEED OF SOME MODERNISATION
- GARAGE & OFF ROAD PARKING
- FRONT & REAR GARDENS
- THREE GENEROUS BEDROOMS
- GROUND FLOOR WC
- RECENTLY FITTED CH BOILER
- DOUBLE GLAZING

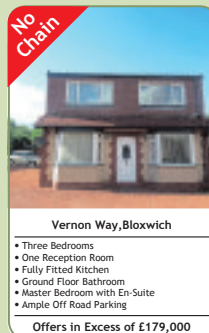
£230,000



Harrison Street, Bloxwich

- Traditional Detached Property
- Fully Refurbished
- Off Road Parking
- Extended Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms
- Refitted Bathroom
- Superb Rear Garden
- Close to Bloxwich High Street
- Sought After Location
- Viewing Essential!

£175,000



Vernon Way, Bloxwich

- Three Bedrooms
- One Reception Room
- Fully Fitted Kitchen
- Ground Floor Bathroom
- Master Bedroom with En-Suite
- Ample Off Road Parking

Offers in Excess of £179,000



Waters Keep, Walsall

- Light and Airy Lounge
- Spacious Kitchen / Diner
- Downstairs W.C
- Rear French Doors
- Three Spacious Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom

From £130,995



Wilkes Avenue, Bentley

- CASH BUYERS ONLY!
- Traditional Detached Property
- Two Reception Rooms
- Driveway
- Side Garage
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Great Potential to Improve/Extend
- Located Close to M6 J10
- Close to King Charles Primary School
- Viewing Essential!

Offers in Excess of £130,000



Park Road, Bloxwich

- No Upward Chain
- Achieving £6300 Annual Rent
- Ground Floor Apartment
- Two Bedrooms
- En-Suite to Master
- Secure Gated Parking
- Other Apartments Available in the Block
- Sought After Location

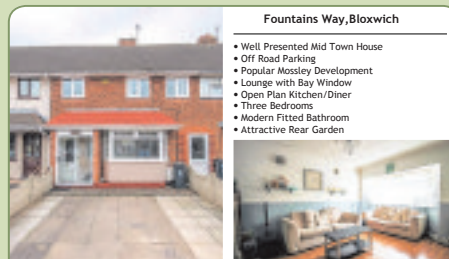
£107,500



Park Road, Bloxwich

- Contemporary Apartment Block
- Achieving £5940 A.R
- Private Secure Parking
- Security Gated Entrance
- Ground Floor Apartment
- Other Apartments Available in the Block

£107,500



Fountains Way, Bloxwich

- Well Presented Mid Town House
- Off Road Parking
- Popular Mossley Development
- Lounge with Bay Window
- Open Plan Kitchen/Diner
- Three Bedrooms
- Modern Fitted Bathroom
- Attractive Rear Garden

£104,950



Penderel Street, Bloxwich

- No Chain
- Ideal First Time Purchase
- Suitable Buy-to-Let Investment
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Off Road Parking
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing
- Viewing Essential!

Offers Over £100,000



Field Road, Bloxwich

- Modernised Period Terrace
- Two Reception Rooms
- Refitted Kitchen
- Refitted Bathroom
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing

£95,000



Mellish Road, Walsall

- No Chain
- Desirable Location
- Extended Lease (967 yrs remaining)
- Garage en-bloc
- Communal Parking & Gardens
- Close to Walsall Town Centre
- Excellent Transport Links
- Ideal Buy-to-Let
- No Chain
- Viewing Essential!

£80,000



Church Place, Bloxwich

- Two Bedroom Second Floor Apartment
- Open Plan Kitchen & Living Area
- Modern Fitted Kitchen
- White Bathroom Suite
- Ample Storage
- Allocated Parking
- Secure Intercom Entrance
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing
- No Upward Chain

Offers in Excess of £80,000



Livingstone Road, Bloxwich

- Two Bedrooms
- Third Floor Flat
- Lounge
- Raised Dining Area
- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Entrance Hall
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating
- No Upward Chain

Offers in Excess of £64,000



Fishley Lane, Bloxwich

- One Bedroom Ground Floor Apartment
- Ideal For First Time Buyers & Investors
- Spacious Open Plan Living Area
- Good Sized Double Bedroom
- Allocated & Visitor Parking

£85,000

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XLV, like a Tivoli but bigger

SSANGYONG has announced the new Tivoli XLV, an extended body model of its already popular Tivoli compact SUV.

"Following rapid growth in the compact SUV market, SsangYong responded in 2015 by launching Tivoli, its first small SUV, and already the company's most successful new car. Some 64,000 cars were manufactured and sold around the world last year," said Paul Williams, CEO of SsangYong Motor UK.

"Tivoli has been praised universally for meeting a number of customer requirements, not least its ability to carry five adults in comfort and with one of the largest boot capacities, while many other cars in the sector are regarded as being a 'down-size' too far.

"Now SsangYong has gone a step further by launching an extended car to provide even more carrying capacity and practicality.

"This was shown as the XLV Air concept at the IAA motor show in Frankfurt last year, and from the extremely favourable feedback received, took the decision to put the car into production.

"Following its international debut at Geneva, the Tivoli XLV is now being launched in Europe, and arrives in the UK this summer. Annual sales from the Tivoli platform including XLV are forecast to exceed 100,000 cars this year," he added.

Sharing the same platform and 2,600mm wheelbase as the Tivoli, the XLV features a lengthened body from behind the C pillar, an increase of 238mm over the standard car, expanding the load capacity to a huge 720 cubic litres of space. Meanwhile, the styling cues that distinguish Tivoli are retained, including its harmoniously fused SUV body design, sports coupé look and floating roofline.

Designed to offer a multi-role, multi-function solution to a wide range of customers, Tivoli XLV provides just the versatility needed to meet individual lifestyles: family car for lugging baby buggies and cots for small children, bikes and golf clubs for the sports-minded, and materials or business equipment during the working week.

Passenger safety has been a top priority for this car, and comes with seven airbags including front, side and curtain airbags plus a driver's knee airbag, multi-function ESP (Electronic Stability Program), Active Rollover Protection, Brake Assist, Hill Start Assist and ESS (Emergency Stop Signal), a tyre pressure monitoring system and a warning reminder on all five seat belt positions.

Smooth

Tivoli XLV is offered with a Euro 6 compliant 1.6 litre diesel engine, and matched with the option of a 6-speed manual transmission or 6-speed Aisin automatic, two-wheel drive or 4x4.

The newly developed 1.6 litre e-XDi160 Euro 6 diesel engine produces 115ps/3,400-4,000rpm max power with 300Nm/1,500-2,500rpm, and delivers a smooth, progressive and powerful driving experience. It also features a fifth generation E-VGT turbocharger which maximises performance especially in the mid-low speed range so it is fun and responsive to drive. With manual transmission there's also ISG (stop/start) to meet the demand for low CO2 emission levels.

The 1.6 litre diesel engine achieves a CO2 emission level of just 117g/km (two-wheel drive, manual transmission with Stop/Start), and economy of up to 62.8mpg on the Combined cycle.

The SsangYong DNA is all about 4x4, and the Tivoli XLV draws on this by offering the option of an intelligent 4-wheel drive system.



The electronically controlled on-demand system distributes power to front and rear drive shafts, and automatically adjusts to the road surface and driving conditions to optimise performance.

In normal driving, the drive system distributes all power to the front wheels to enhance fuel efficiency, and automatically adapts to 4-wheel drive in snow or wet slippery conditions, by diverting power to the rear wheels as well to ensure driving stability.

For increased stability and reassurance, particularly when driving on a hill or slope, the 4-wheel drive operates with Hill Start Assist which helps by delivering power to any wheels that are spinning. And for optimised braking

performance, ESP and ABS also control the 4x4 system for greater safety.

With a 167mm ground clearance, approach angle of 20.0 degrees, 20.8 degree departure angle, and 17.0 degree ramp angle, a highly competent off-road capability is assured.

Comprehensively equipped, the Tivoli XLV features digital-dual zone automatic air conditioning, an infotainment system with RDS radio, 7" high-resolution touch screen, USB/AUX port, iPod & Bluetooth connectivity, Tom-Tom navigation and rear view camera.

There is cruise control, parking sensors front and rear, rain sensing wipers, automatic headlight activation and stylish roof rails.

All models in the SsangYong range are covered by a best-in-class five year limitless mileage warranty.

Designed to be totally transparent and give customers complete peace of mind, 'limitless' means just that: not a maximum mileage condition that some brands impose in their small print.

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Car's lines that stop onlookers in tracks

By Ian Donaldson

You're looking at one of the most impressive ways to arrive anywhere in town on four wheels; in a coupe with spaceship looks and in near silence.

The new Lexus RC 300h has lines to stop onlookers in their tracks and an electric motor to drive it short urban distances with only the hum of the tyres intruding gently.

Those glamour looks and stealth approach have consequences, though. Of which more later.

For the moment, let's look around this beautifully crafted coupe from the posh Toyota offshoot that regularly bounces against the top of the customer satisfaction ratings.

Just slipping into the softly leathery interior of the 300h makes the world feel a better place.

Spread out ahead of you are buttons and dials that might have come from a watchmaker's workroom and the sort of fit and finish you might imagine a junior Bentley trying to match – if there was one.

Add this five star interior to an outside that seems to have been hewn from a block of solid steel by a magical warrior wielding a micro-honed sword and the £34,995 asking price actually seems modest.

Especially when you consider that not only does the 300h have a 2.5 litre petrol engine but an electric motor too. Together, they produce a total of 220 horsepower and in town the car will drive short distances on electrical energy alone.

The usefully low combined 113g/km exhaust emissions – a product of that underbonnet cleverness – means the taxman won't trouble you in year one, and then for a mere £30 thereafter. The 17 per cent BIK rating makes this a formidably affordable car for business use too.

The battery does, however, add weight to a car that was not a lightweight to start with. So the performance figures (118mph and 0-62mph in 8.6 seconds) are very far from sporting.

A similarly priced and diesel powered BMW 4 Series coupe will feel far faster, be only a little dearer for business use but look much thirstier on paper – although much more likely to approach its theoretical economy than the Lexus.

It won't have the quietness of the Lexus, though, or feel as cossetting inside, or be nearly as well equipped as standard either. BMW options list are famously long – and tempting.

Standard fare on the Lexus includes leather trim, heated seats, 18ins alloy wheels, dual zone climate control, auto gears and LED headlamps. Sat nav costs £1,995 and uses a fiddly touch pad.

Coups are about self-indulgence and that means making the driver feel good at the expense of practical matters like rear seat legroom (tiny if the front seats are set back) and boot space (useful, but the battery intrudes a bit).

You can gain a bit of boot space by choosing a non-hybrid RC 200t which costs a little less and goes faster, thanks to a turbocharged 2.0 litre engine.

The tax advantages of the hybrid mean this petrol-only model will stay a rare sight on UK roads.

So, glamour and quietness in spades, but at a cost. If you fancy the looks, don't need rear seat space and are ready for fuel readouts some way from the brochure (the only numbers Lexus is allowed to quote), then your nearest dealer will welcome you with open arms.



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TESTED

Lexus RC 300h

Engine: 2.5 litre petrol engine and electric motor, 220bhp combined

Warranty: Three years or 60,000 miles

Economy: The RC 300h can do 57.6mpg officially

Insurance group: 36

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Seat more exclusive than Italian dream car

By Matt Kimberley

You'd better move fast if you want one of these. The Mii by Mango Limited Edition is exactly that: its exclusive Oryx pearl white paint, special plum-finished 15-inch alloy wheels, plum upholstery and matching trim accents inside and out are only being brought to the UK 125 times.

Just 20 are so far in the country and registered to customers. That's right; the Mii by Mango L.E. is rarer than most Ferraris.

It's based on the excellent standard car, with the marginally pokier 74bhp 1.0-litre three-cylinder engine. It still uses low-friction tyres like the standard car, and it's no heavier. The Mango is all about adding style rather than mechanical upgrades.

The standard Mii by Mango falls a bit flat in the style stakes, but the 'Velvet' purple-on-white of the L.E. works a treat. It's much more noticeable, different and, with so few in the country, much more exclusive. You wouldn't want to pull up at the traffic lights next to another one, now would you?

Seat holds its hands up and openly admits the Mango is aimed at women; young women with at least one and a half eyes on the fashion industry.

But in fairness there's nothing about the design, colours, shape or driving experience that would put men off, except maybe the Mango badges, but then again, there's such a thing as a Mango Man department these days.

It's always amazing how much room the Mii platform, along with its Citigo and Up triplets, gives to both passengers and luggage. Two people can pack a week's luggage into the boot if they've got a good record on Tetris, and four adults can sit back in comfort in the five-door cabin.

It's a little Tardis, this car, especially as a five-door.

A dinky 35-litre fuel tank isn't going to get you very far, in theory, but the reality kicks that fear square in the baby-maker. It's easy to top 60mpg in the real world, and on one trip in the test car, we even saw just over 70mpg. Treat it right and you'll reach 400 miles per tank.

Sweeter

Having driven three of these supposedly mechanically identical cars lately, some seem sweeter than others. The tester here is a gem, responding quickly and pulling strongly (for a one-litre), with no rattles, squeaks or knocks from the suspension. The thrummy three-cylinder engine does sterling work and zings its way up to 70mph much more speedily than its figures would suggest. The five-speed gearbox does mean the car is calmest below 50mph and gets a bit rowdy at 70mph, but at least this one has (optional) cruise control.

It turns with a little more dynamism than the standard Mii thanks to the larger wheels and lower-profile tyres that, nonetheless, don't compromise the ride quality. If there's a perfect chassis configuration for this car, the Mango L.E. has it. As for the seats, they are all perfectly comfy for journeys up to 50 or 60 miles, but are a bit too soft for real long-distance work.

If you can even get hold of one, given that they're so few in number, the base price of a shade under £12,000 means value depends on what you compare it to. It's £800 cheaper than a pre-options Fiat 500 Lounge equipped with the forgettable 1.2-litre 68bhp four-cylinder engine, and more than £2,100 cheaper than the same 500 with the characterful 84bhp TwinAir motor. On that comparison, the Mango L.E. looks like superb value.

Women are the main target, and with only 100 or so of these yet to be sold, the only customers will be the quick ones. Young drivers will love its combination of zesty joie de vivre and stylish add-ons, but that's not to say it wouldn't make a superb second car for a family. It's efficient, quirky and very likeable. Frankly it's one of the best Mii/Citigo/Up variants yet built.

This car summed up in a single word: Catwalk-ready. If this car was a: model it would have emerged unexpectedly from nowhere to get everyone's heads turning

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Enjoying life in fast line and at the top!

By Ian Donaldson

IT didn't take many miles in the Mercedes SL to consider swinging away from home and heading south to Nice, immediately. Or anywhere with plentiful mixtures of sun and gracious living, really. For here in the £73,810 – current entry level – version of a convertible line that has adorned luxury harboursides for decades is a car that wants you to enjoy life at the top.

Indeed, there may not be a better way yet devised of taking two people from their home in a high end postcode to the marina or yacht basin, there to be reunited with Seagull, Ocean Queen ... or whatever name the owner's wife broke a bottle of champagne over at the launch.

Simple figures have never told even half the story of an SL, currently available in four grades of urge and luxury and culminating in a 12 cylinder, 630 horsepower, £172,000 AMG machine that will make a hen's tooth look commonplace by comparison.

Forget the numbers (they are all limited to the response 155mph limit set by most German car makers of fast cars, Porsche excepted) and concentrate instead on the way every SL has trodden the taste tightrope between brash, brown and beauty.

Mostly they've found an admirable middle point, straying only occasionally into the gaudy or vulgar.

To these eyes the current version, especially perhaps in this least expensive SL 400 guise, can confidently assume the mantle of privilege with a touch of decorum, even fitted with 19inch AMG alloy wheels in high gloss black (£895) and doors sills that light up with Mercedes-Benz lettering (£215) and remind you what you've bought as you slip aboard at night.

Performance

But if you ever needed proof positive that a touch under seventy-four grand brings a car that allows the full SL experience, and that mere figures mean little in this car's world, consider this: for comfortably more than double the base model's price (£173,810) you save 0.9 seconds on the dash to 62mph – and both cars will top out, pretty promptly, at that artificially limited 155mph already mentioned.

Of course, the 12-cylindered SL 65 deploys its 630 horses to give blinding performance in any gear, at any speed. It will also make a noise at takeoff that would silence a St Tropez cafe full of ladies doing lunch.

But the humbler SL 400 would not be considered an even slightly less delightful way for any of them to return to that charming villa in the hills.

Its 362bhp will be more than adequate and its smooth nine-speed automatic gearbox slurs the changes so gently you won't even notice.

Outside and – especially – inside, this SL feels simply very special indeed. From just right touches of silver-glinting alloy and caressingly soft leather to a level of fit and finish that must have meant all leave cancelled at the Bremen plant where it was built, this is a car that makes an owner glow with pride of ownership.

And with a specification that even in its least expensive expression takes pages of closely spaced sentences to explain, it may be just as well that SLs of any generation since the first of 1954 tend to stick around long enough to become treasured family heirlooms.

For the record, your price list starter version comes with an aluminium folding roof that works in either direction at around-town speeds, enough safety features to make a risk assessment obsessive puce with envy and sufficient luxury touches to have you studying the handbook as after-dinner homework.

Perhaps from the afterdeck of the good ship Seagull....

TESTED

Mercedes-Benz SL 400 AMG Line

Engine: 3.0 litre petrol engine, 362bhp

Warranty: Three years, unlimited miles

Economy: The SL 400 can do 36.7mpg officially

Insurance group: 50

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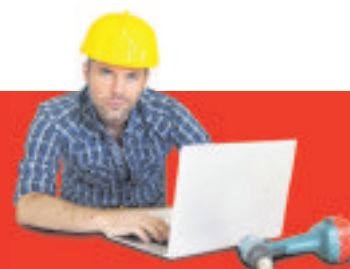


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KIM 32yrs, attractive blonde lady seeks discreet gent for daytime distractions. ACA. Tel: 0906 515 3007 Box No: 421657

JOANNE, 48, curvy black female, likes cooking, cinema, socialising, seeking friendship leading to LTR, must be honest, romantic, caring and loyal and have a GSOH. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 422633

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LUCY first time advertiser, 32yrs, tall slim blonde airline worker, seeks discreet gent, any status for casual fling. Looks-age unimportant. Tel: 0906 515 3027 Box No: 420237

JO 45, hardworking nurse with crazy sense of humour, looking for fun male with plenty of ideas to spice up her spare time. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 422545

SOPHIA young 40yrs, married but bored, seeks discreet adult fun, any area, all calls answered. Tel: 0906 515 3019 Box No: 413399

LORNA 28, sensual blue-eyed blonde with a beautiful smile, seeking intelligent guy in good shape for new experiences and fun loving. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 422491

EMILY, mature well educated lady, blonde and smart and broadminded seeks gent any age for adult fun. ACA. Tel: 0906 515 3023 Box No: 421375

MICHELLE, 37, pretty, very fit, well travelled seeks active, broadminded male to share new experiences and adventures with. ACA. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 422459

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BIRMINGHAM female 65, smoker, likes music, cinema, theatre, meets out, WLTm male 60-73 for LTR. Text only **Mailbox: 5474590**

ROSIE, genuine well educated, sophisticated lady 29yrs WLTm fun loving chap, any age for chats, lunch, discreet meetings. Box: 4124710 Text only

JACKIE, 49, dark hair, green eyes, cuddly build, likes going out, gym, reading, looking for an honest gentleman. LTR/friendship/possible relationship. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 422257

JAYNE, bored housewife, 42yrs looking for someone to spice up her days with some fun and jokes. Box: 4155728 Text only

PAT, petite blonde lady, GSOH, young looking for her age, seeks genuine gent any age with GSOH. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 422393

RITA, seeks a genuine male for friendship, days out, shes very friendly, genuine and social, give her a call ACA. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 422403

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BARBARA, is a caring lady who seeks a man to care for, she will do anything to make you happy. Just give her a call today. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 422411

50YRS, old attractive lady, Sheila, caring honest, seeks discreet gent. ACA. Tel: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 422469

CARING, honest female, WLTm genuine gentleman for LTR in the West Midlands area. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 422111

NICOLA 32yr old slim sexy single mum looking for fun times, maybe more with similar open-minded uncomplicated companion. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 422487

LUCY 37yrs 5ft 11ins brunette, loves nightlife, socialising, having fun, looking for fun guy who can make me laugh and promises a good time. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 422455

EMMA 56, active and always on the go, seeks fit, active, country loving guy who shares passion for the outdoors. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 422443

BARBARA, 49, attractive green-eyed blonde, OHAC, likes travel, cinema, meals out etc, looking for genuine caring male up to 65yr for possible LTR. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 422393

FEMALE, 57, young looking widow, 5ft2, green eyes, likes meals out, holidays, reading, WLTm gentleman of similar age, or older. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 422393

KATHY, 45, curvy blonde seeking reliable honest man who can get me out of the rut I am stuck in, open to new ideas and looking for someone special? Give me a try. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 422263

KAREN 32 a hardworking petite blonde, enjoys nights out, music, etc. WLTm for more than just friendship with similar chilled, kind, easygoing guy. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 422267

FEMALE, looking for an honest, caring, easygoing male. I am divorced and like walks, going for meals, cinema and lots of date. Text only **Mailbox: 4539974**

JOANNA, 49 years old, looking to meet a man for friendship 50/60 years old. Text only **Mailbox: 5428223**

LORRRAINE bored 36yr old looking for discreet no strings fun with likeminded uncomplicated male, any age/looks/status. Call me. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 422421

SARA, 39, home owner, likes animals, tattoos and texting, looking for friendship hopefully leading to more. Get in touch! Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 421455

LUCY, 49, just looking to enjoy life, can you help? seeks fun and good times in or out, nothing heavy just no strings meets. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 422223

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MARILYN blue eyed curvy just right female, 36, loves music, good wine, romantic strolls, cosy nights in, WLTm like-minded romantic for quality times. Age unimportant. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 422227

TINA, 43, young looking attractive single female looking for love, with similar lonely heart resorting to advertising in the hope of finding love. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 421619

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CLARA, 32yr old nurse who likes cosy nights in with a good bottle of wine and spending quality times with great company if you feel the same pls get in touch. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 422055

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CHRIS, 40, blue eyed blonde single female, lots of interests, loves travel, beach, nights in/out, looking for mature sincere gent for possible LTR. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 422013

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SHAUN, 49, 5ft10, brown hair, brown eyes, average looks, GSOH, OHAC, honest, romantic, animal lover, likes country pubs, waltzes, loves the canal and countryside, looking for somebody who is down to earth and fun loving. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 396440

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Blakenall Bashers finished having won two, drawn one and lost two of their games



Blakenall Bashers keeper Tony Spruce, aged 73



Rachel Smith, centre, with DudCel's Patel Heena and Jayne Knight



DudCel player Paul Osborne makes a pass

Football game a walk in the park for competitors

SPORTING FEATURE By Joe Edwards

THEY say age is just a number and that certainly proved to be the case as walking football took over Molineux recently.

Over the past few years the sport has become a big hit, with thousands across the country rediscovering their love for the beautiful game thanks to the slowed-down version.

At Wolves, competitors well into their 80s lived the dream by playing on the hallowed turf in a six-team competition.

The teams involved – Bert Williams Old Boys, Blakenall Bashers, DudCel, GetSet2Go, Pete Clarke Wolves and Platty's Pensioners – played in a six-a-side round-robin format, each game lasting 10 minutes.

Unlike the traditional points system, teams were awarded five for a win, three for a draw and one for a defeat, and, after more than two hours of competition, Bert Williams Old Boys were crowned champions after going through the tournament unbeaten and picking up 21 points.

The event, organised by Black Coun-

"The atmosphere was great, of course it always helps when the sun is shining."

try In Motion, was part of the annual Wolves Community Trust Project Day.

Rachel Smith, sports activator for Black Country In Motion, said: "The players spent two hours on the pitch as part of the Wolves Community Trust Project Day."

"The atmosphere was great, of course it always helps when the sun is shining but it was really good to be involved with. The project day is an annual event and walking football is growing all of the time."

She added: "There was somebody who was 86 who played (Dennis Whistance from Bentley, who turned out for Pete Clarke Wolves). I think it was a lifelong ambition of his to play at Molineux as well."

"It is a great sport, especially for

those who didn't think they would be able to carry on playing after their 40s or 50s. All in all, it was a really good day."

Walking football was first developed by Chesterfield FC's Community Trust in 2011 to keep over-50s on the pitch.

In the five years since, it has grown at an incredible rate and there are now more than 400 teams around the country. Based on the traditional game, walking football has specific rules which sees a free-kick awarded to the other side for running, while there is no offside rule and slide tackles are banned.

Substitutions are roll-on, roll-off, and the ball must remain below hip height. It was originally played without any goalkeepers but the likes of 64-year-old Stourbridge man John Cattermole and Tony Spruce, 73, were between the sticks for Bert Williams Old Boys and Blakenall Bashers respectively at Molineux.

There are plans to have another walking football competition at Molineux next year.



Dennis Whistance, aged 86, played for Pete Clarke Wolves



Dave Wright, aged 67, and grandson Billy, nine



DudCel's Dek Dudfield on the move during one of his side's games in the Molineux tournament



Peter Jenkins of DudCel up against Steve Morris of Bert Williams Old Boys at Molineux



Pitch perfect thanks to cash boost

GRASSROOTS sport in the Black Country is set to benefit from a major cash injection. It comes as the University of Wolverhampton was awarded a grant of £465,047 from the Premier League & The FA Facilities Fund.

It will enable the university to build a new floodlit 3G artificial grass pitch to be used by its students, staff, and the local community at its Walsall Campus.

The Football Foundation worked in partnership with the university and both the Birmingham and Staffordshire County FA to compile a five-year Football Development Plan. It is hoped the number of teams playing at the facility will increase from nine to 33 teams, made up of university teams, partner club, Silverdale FC and the Walsall FC Community Programme, who will focus on girls and walking football.

Clubs from the local community in the Walsall Junior and adult League will also have access to the 3G pitch.

Funded by the Premier League, The FA and the Government, via Sport England, the Premier League & The FA Facilities Fund is delivered by the Football Foundation, the country's largest sports charity. Since it was launched in 2000, the Foundation has supported more than 14,000 grassroots projects worth over £1.3 billion.

Bess Evans, Deputy Director of the University of Wolverhampton's Institute of Sport, said: "We are delighted to have been awarded this grant."

Paul Thorogood, Chief Executive of the Football Foundation, said: "Congratulations should go to the University of Wolverhampton for working with both the Staffordshire FA and Birmingham FA to secure this Premier League & the FA Facilities Fund grant."

Work on the pitch is expected to start during the summer with a view to it being ready to use from October.

Tennis youngsters' chance to grace turf at Wimbledon

YOUNGSTERS from the Walsall and Cannock areas have the chance to play at Wimbledon, courtesy of Cheslyn Hay Tennis Club.

The club is organising the first Round of the under-14 Road to Wimbledon Challenge next Saturday, June 18, from 12.30pm. Entry is free and is open to youngsters aged 11-to-14 years of all abilities who play in local schools, parks and leisure centres.

The Road to Wimbledon is the biggest junior tournament in British tennis with more than 850 qualifying competitions and featuring nearly 10,000 participating juniors.

Cheslyn Hay coach Chris Perrin said: "We are really excited to be running the Road the Wimbledon at Cheslyn Hay."

Registration for Road to Wimbledon can be made by email at cheslynhaytennis@live.com or online on tiny.cc/wimbledon2016 and on 07969 829318.

Youngsters can kick start their tennis with a free junior coaching course for new players offered at Cheslyn Hay. For further information log onto cheslynhaytennis.com

Championship manager aim for Whitney



Head coach Jon Whitney

JON WHITNEY has set his sights on taking Walsall into the Championship after being appointed the club's permanent manager.

The 45-year-old, who stepped in as interim head coach following the sacking of Sean O'Driscoll, has signed a three-year contract at The Banks's.

He will be assisted by ex-Saddlers defender Dean Holden who has agreed a new deal to continue as first-team coach.

Whitney, who initially joined Walsall 13 years ago as a physio, guided

the club to a third-placed finish in League One last season and is aiming to better that next term.

"Becoming Walsall manager is a very proud moment for me and my family," Whitney said. "I'm really looking forward to it and I'm excited about continuing the work we started last season."

"I want to make sure we develop the ethos that we've created over the last five years and hopefully take it to the next level."

Holden, 36, said: "We're all hun-

gry for success and it's a great working environment that's been created here."

Meanwhile, chief executive Stefan Gamble insists Walsall's in-demand stars, such as Tom Bradshaw and Rico Henry, will only be sold if the club's valuation is met.

"Of course, we want to hold on to our best players," Gamble said.

"Inevitably, players will move on but only when our valuation has been met and we as a board feel it is in the best interests of the club."

Clarke tops boxing bill at town hall

HALESOWEN boxer Lennox Clarke tops the bill as Black Country Boxing returns to Walsall Town Hall next month.

The bumper 'Summer Scorchers' show, on Saturday, July 9, is sponsored by Grosvenor Casino Walsall and will feature a host of Black Country boxers, including the unbeaten Clarke, aged 24.

He stopped Richard Horton at the Town Hall earlier on the year and is looking to fulfil his potential in 2016.

Birmingham super welterweight Jordan Clayton will be looking to make it a hat-trick of professional wins while Tip-top super featherweight Lee Glover, will be looking to return to winning ways after unsuccessful English and Midlands Title challenges in his last two outings.

Coventry welterweight James 'The Full Monty' Montgomery and Wolverhampton cruiserweight Joshua Burke are also in action.

Undefeated West Bromwich quartet - super welterweight Luke Heron (Walker), middleweight Tom Stokes, heavyweight Matt Gordon and super featherweight Jack Summers complete the card, with Ludlow's Craig Morris, who picked up the British Challenge Super Welterweight Title in his hometown back in March, also in action, hoping to make six wins on the spin.

Stafford's former Midlands Area Welterweight Champion Rob Hunt will also feature.

Tickets are priced at £30 (general admission) and £60 (VIP Kingside), and can be purchased by calling 0845 111 2900 or directly from any boxer on the bill.

The weigh-in and after-show (over 18's only) take place at Grosvenor Casino Walsall, Bentley Mill Way, Walsall WS2 0LE.

Boxer Uddin tipped to go one better

A WALSALL boxer has narrowly missed out on becoming a national champion.

Hamza Uddin, aged 12 lost on a split decision 3-2 in favour of Albert Smith (Allcomers ABC, Ely, Cambridgeshire) in the 31 kilos class of the England Boxing Schools and Minors Championship Finals at Grantham Meres Leisure Centre.

Uddin, who boxes for Wellington Boxing Academy in Telford, has been backed to go one better next season after narrowly losing over three, one-and-a-half minute rounds.

Coach Mo Fiaz said: "We all thought he had won the fight because he boxed beautifully and it was very, very close. I was a great thing to get to the final and next year, I think he'll win it."

TITLE BAGGED IN COMEBACK

ADRIAN ROSA survived a scare to win the Aldridge and District Snooker League individual title.

The former pro and 2015 West Midlands champion was a big favourite going into the final against Simon Gough at Wednesfield Conservative Club.

But Gough stunned Rosa, and the large crowd, by flying out of the blocks with breaks of 32 and 60 to take the opening two frames.

Gough went ahead in the next frame and looked likely to go into the interval with a 3-0 advantage. But after spurning several chances he allowed Rosa back into it and he cleared the colours to take the frame. Rosa took a scrappy fourth frame to level, won the next with an 82 break and then made 67 to take the next frame and the title.

It completed a fine first season in the league for Rosa, who had previously claimed victory in the Masters (over-40s) tournament and the Foursomes with the 12-year-old Ryley Archer. He also recorded the highest break with 104.

Rosa picked up the trophies at the league's annual presentation evening, which immediately followed the individual final.

Premier League winners St Johns were also honoured, with their young star Ryley Parsons picking up his award as the league's junior champion.

Team-mate Jack Harris recorded the most Premier League wins, with Phil Bush earning that accolade in Division One.

Bloxwich Memorial's Andy Price collected the Captains Cup, while Lee Bannister won the handicap tournament. The awards were presented by league chairman Bryn Williams.

Back on the baize, Wednesfield Cons B clinched promotion to the Premier League after seeing off Stafford Road B 3-2 in a play-off, only the second time in history such a decider was needed.

Wednesfield fielded their two strongest players in the opening two frames and the move paid off as John Schneider and Dean Evans put them into a 2-0 lead and firmly in command of the tie.

Stafford Road hit back through Dave Wilcox but their hopes were then extinguished by Pete Slatcher, who won the fourth frame on the pink to put Wednesfield into an unassailable 3-1 lead, before Chris Baugh won a final frame consolation.



Individual title winner Adrian Rose with snooker league chairman Bryn Williams



Andy Price, right, won the Captain's Cup



Junior champion Ryley Parsons with his prize

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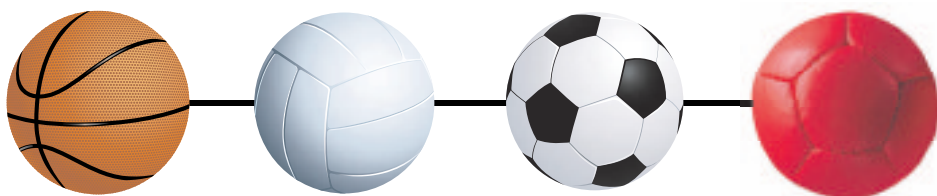
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